

Essential gas mains upgrade for Kibworth Harcourt in Leicestershire

Gas pipe upgrade starts on Monday 13 July in Harborough Road and Church Road

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- To help traffic flow Marsh Drive will be temporarily closed
- Work will secure local gas supplies for decades to come

National Grid will be starting essential work on Monday 13 July to replace gas pipes on the A6 Harborough Road and Church Road in Kibworth Harcourt, to keep the gas flowing to homes and businesses in the area for decades to come.

The project to renew gas pipes is expected to take around six weeks to complete. The work will see the existing metal gas pipes, which have been in use for many years, replaced with modern hardwearing plastic pipes that are designed to last for at least 80 years.

The work has been timed to coincide with the school summer holidays to ease congestion on roads in the area.

To help traffic flow more easily Marsh Drive will also be temporarily closed. Access will be maintained for pedestrians and motorists.

For the last four weeks of the project from Monday 27 July there will be three-way temporary traffic lights in place while engineers carry out the work in Harborough Road and Church Road. To help traffic flow the traffic lights will be manned during peak times.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Mark Allsop said: "People in the Kibworth Harcourt area enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply and our job is to make sure it stays that way. We will do everything we can to complete the project as quickly as possible and to minimise any inconvenience our work may cause. We greatly appreciate the co-operation and patience of the local community and motorists."

If anyone has any queries about the work and how it will affect them they can contact customer services on 0800 096 5678.

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