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Gas mains upgrade for St Andrew's Street, Hertford

Gas mains upgrade in St Andrew's Street, Hertford, set to start in half-term

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- **Project will keep the gas flowing to local people for decades to come**
- **Temporary traffic lights and road closure will be in place for safety**

Work to complete a gas mains upgrade in St Andrew's Street, Hertford, is set to get underway during February half-term week.

National Grid will be replacing the existing iron gas mains with tough, hard-wearing plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years. The work will keep the gas flowing to local homes and businesses for decades to come.

Work is due to start on Monday 16 February and is expected to take two weeks. St Andrew's Street will need to be closed to through traffic for up to two weeks, from the junction with Mill Bridge to the junction with Cross Lane. A diversion route will be in place. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

While the work is under way the existing traffic lights at the junction of St Andrew's Street and Old Cross will need to be replaced with temporary ones to provide a safe working area for engineers and maintain access to homes and shops.

The work was due to have been completed last summer. However, National Grid had to postpone the final section of work after a swallow hole opened up in Old Cross, causing delays to the project.

National Grid authorising engineer Dilbir Chana said: "We are sorry for any inconvenience this work may cause. However, it is essential that we finish this work so that we can continue providing safe and dependable gas supplies in this part of Hertford well into the future.

"To minimize disruption to local people and motorists we have liaised with the highways authority and timed the work to coincide with half-term week. We are aiming to complete this project as soon as possible."

If anyone has any queries about the work they can call customer services on 0800 0965678.

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National Grid has two contracted organisations carrying out gas mains replacement work on its behalf. They are: tRiIO, a partnership between Skanska and Morrison Utility Services, in North London, East Anglia and the East of England and Balfour Beatty in the West Midlands and North West.

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