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National Grid will be renewing the gas mains in the pedestrianized Hole-in-the-Wall Passage. The work is expected to take two weeks and will see the existing iron gas mains replaced with hardwearing plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years.

The Hole in the Wall Passage will need to be closed at the junction of Market Place for two weeks while the work is underway as the gas mains lies directly beneath this area. Businesses will remain open as usual and access to the shops in Francis Street will be available via Abbey Passage.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Mark Allsop said: "This work will help us maintain safe and reliable gas supplies to local businesses and residents for many years to

"We have been in touch with local businesses about this work. They will be open as usual, with access to the shops in Francis Street via Abbey Passage.

"We apologise for any disruption caused to the local community while we carry out these essential works. If anyone has any questions please give us a call on 0800 0965678 or talk to one of the team on site who will be happy to help."

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## Notes for editors

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.

## Notes to Editors:

National Grid is pivotal to the energy systems in the UK and the north eastern United States. We aim to serve customers well and efficiently, supporting the communities in which we operate and making possible the energy systems of the future.

### National Grid in the UK:

- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We
  also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500
  kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is
  consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other
  parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for
  consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors,
  gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid
  Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

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