

## Gas mains upgrade set for Whiston, Rotherham

National Grid renewing nearly two kilometres of gas pipes in Whiston, Rotherham

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- **Work will keep gas flowing until the end of the century**
- **Part of wider investment in Rotherham's gas network**

Monday (25 January) will mark the start of an eight-week engineering project in Whiston, near Rotherham, to keep gas flowing to local homes until the end of the century.

National Grid will be renewing nearly two kilometres of new pipes in East Bawtry Road (the residential roads running parallel to the A631). The existing iron mains will be replaced with tough, long-lasting plastic pipes that will last for at least 80 years.

In East Bawtry Road, north of the A631, the gas mains will be renewed between the Newman School main entrance and the junction with Grange Road. South of the A631, gas mains will be renewed in East Bawtry Road, between Flat Lane and Lease Gate Avenue.

It is not expected that temporary traffic management measures will be needed. However, residents are advised there may be some disruption while engineers work in road junctions.

National Grid authorising engineer Paul Martin said: "This is essential work that will ensure that local people continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for decades to come.

"We are sorry for any inconvenience caused but we would urge people to bear with us while we complete this essential work. We will make every effort to minimise any disruption and complete the work as soon as possible."

The work is part of a major investment in gas network in the Rotherham area. More than six kilometres of gas pipes are set to be renewed by April.

Gas engineers may need access to homes and businesses to replace service pipes (the pipes that take gas from the main in the road to individual properties). This work will involve briefly interrupting the gas supply and anyone who is affected will be notified beforehand.

All National Grid engineers carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before allowing them on their property.

For any enquiries about this work people should contact National Grid's customer services team on 0800 096 5678.

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