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## Gas mains upgrade under way in Hertford

Road closure and temporary traffic lights in Old Cross

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- Work part of four-month gas mains renewal in Hertford
- Project will keep the gas flowing to local people for decades to come

National Grid is advising residents and businesses of traffic restrictions in Hertford as work gets under way on a package of gas mains renewal work that will keep gas flowing in the town until the end of the century.

The company is upgrading gas pipes near the centre of Hertford. The existing iron gas mains are being replaced with tough, hard-wearing plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years.

Work started at the beginning of the school summer holidays and is expected to take four months. Gas mains are being replaced in Nicholas Lane, Old Cross, Market Place, George Street, Port Vale, Russell Street, Mill Lane, Churchfields and Port Hill.

Engineers are due to begin work in Old Cross on Monday 17 August for three weeks. To carry out the work safely, Old Cross will be closed to traffic from Hertford Library to Nicholas Lane and temporary traffic lights will replace the existing traffic signals at the junction of Old Cross and St Andrew's Street.

National Grid authorising engineer Dilbir Chana said: "This vital work will ensure that residents and businesses in Hertford continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for decades to come.

"To keep everyone safe, some traffic management measures are necessary but every effort will be made to complete this work as quickly as possible. To reduce inconvenience to local people and motorists we are carrying out some of the most disruptive work during the school summer holidays."

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

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