

## Got to be done: Essential £160,000 project this summer to future-proof local gas mains

Precision planning and modern technology will help deliver tough new gas pipes for Sunninghill

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- Essential gas mains replacement scheme scheduled for Sunninghill High Street between Bridge Road and Niven Court
- Work scheduled to be done in school summer holidays to minimise disruption
- Project will help make sure local people keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies

Tough new pipes will replace ageing gas mains in Sunninghill to help ensure local people keep on having access to gas for cooking and heating.

Ageing metal gas mains are due to be replaced in Sunninghill High Street between Bridge Road and Niven Court with work planned from mid-late July to early September. The work has been scheduled for the school summer holiday period when roads are generally quieter to minimise disruption.

Underground camera surveys have already been carried out of the existing network to help with planning.

Project Engineer Phil Walden explained: "We're doing all we can to deliver this project with as little disruption as possible.

"Camera surveys of the existing gas mains help us to identify the best way to do the job. We'll also be inserting the new pipes into the old gas main which means less digging in the road."

To enable the work to be carried out safely and efficiently traffic management measures will be required and more details of these will be announced after they are agreed with the council.

Stores will remain open with National Grid providing 'Business as usual' signs. Alternative parking will also be provided where existing car parking is suspended due to the work.

Access will be needed to some properties to replace gas service pipes. This work will involve a brief interruption of the gas supply. Affected properties will be notified in advance. All National Grid engineers carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before allowing them on their property.

An open meeting will be scheduled in the near future to allow people to find out more about the scheme.

For more information on this project or to verify the identity of a project engineer people can also call 0800 096 5678.

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