

Keeping it flowing: Essential gas mains revamp in High Wycombe

Project will help ensure local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas for cooking and heating

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- Sixteen week project to replace gas mains in Desborough Road
- Work will be delivered in phases to minimise disruption
- Project will help ensure local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies.

Work is about to kick off on an essential National Grid project which will help ensure the local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies.

Work is due to begin on Thursday 24 March and is expected to be completed in July 2016.

The project involves replacing ageing gas main in Desborough Road with tough, new, long-lasting plastic pipes which will last for decades.

Phase 1: Thursday 24 March to Monday 11 April 2016

Work will be carried out at the double roundabout at the junction of Desborough Road and Desborough Avenue.

Temporary traffic lights will be installed at the double roundabout to minimise congestion.

This phase has been deliberately scheduled for the school Easter holidays when roads are generally quieter to further reduce congestion.

Phase 2: Tuesday 12 April to Saturday 9 July 2016

Work will be carried out from outside 160 Desborough Road to 202 Desborough Road.

Parking bays will be suspended.

Phase 3: Dates TBC

Work will take place from outside 160 Desborough Road to the junction with Bridge Street. Again, parking bays in this area will be suspended during the work.

Phase 4: Dates TBC

This final phase will be from the junction of Bridge Street to the opposite entrance to Newlands Walk.

Project engineer Phil Walden said: "This essential work will help ensure the local community in the Desborough Road area keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies.

"We've carefully planned the work to ensure it's delivered with as little disruption as possible."

As part of the project gas engineers will require access to some properties to replace service pipes which will involve temporarily disconnecting the gas supply. National Grid will write to affected residents and businesses to let them know beforehand.

All National Grid employees and contractors carry official identity cards, which people should ask to see before letting anyone into their property.

For further information about this project and to verify the identity of engineers call 0800 096 5678.

More information can also be found at www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

National Grid operates a range of gas and electricity facilities in the area, for more information on how the company connects people to the energy they use go to www.nationalgrid.com

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