

Keeping Wanstead warm: National Grid wraps up work on project as winter nears

Essential gas mains replacement work in Blake Hall Road, Wanstead will stop during the winter

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- Work in Blake Hall Road will stop in mid October 2015
- Work has involved replacing ageing metal gas mains with tough new pipes
- Engineers will need to return to complete remaining work at a later date

Work on an essential gas mains replacement project in Blake Hall Road, Wanstead will stop over the winter months.

The present phase of work is due to be finished by Thursday 15 October, with all work sites cleared and excavations filled in.

Work on large scale mains replacement projects such as this usually stops during the winter months to ensure the increased gas demand can be met. There are also restrictions on carrying out planned roadworks during the busy Christmas and January sales shopping period.

Engineers will return to Blake Hall Road to complete remaining gas mains replacement work in summer 2016 on a date which will be agreed with Redbridge council.

National Grid Area Manager Garry Hines said: "This has been a challenging job as we've had to work around a lot of other utilities mains and pipes in the area. This has meant we've had to dig more excavations than we originally planned.

"I'd like to thank the local community for their patience during our work. The new mains we've been installing will help ensure local people keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating."

He added: "As we plan our next phase of work we'll continue to do what we can to ensure it is delivered with as little disruption as possible."

If people have any questions or concerns about the work they can call 0800 096 5678.

For the latest on the work go to www.nationalgrid.com/inyourstreet

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