

Lincoln gas mains revamp moves into Minster Yard

Essential gas mains upgrade moves into Minster Yard, Lincoln

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- **Work will keep gas flowing to local homes for decades to come**
- **Road closure needed while work is under way**

A major upgrade of the gas network in some of Lincoln's oldest streets is set to move into Minster Yard next week.

National Grid will start work on Monday 9 February to replace the existing iron gas mains with tough plastic pipes that have a lifespan of at least 80 years. The work is expected to take four weeks.

To safeguard engineers and road users it will be necessary to close Minster Yard to traffic while the work is being carried out. A diversion will be in place. The area will remain open to pedestrians.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Paul Martin said: "This is essential work that will ensure local residents and businesses can continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for decades to come.

"We are very mindful of the sensitive, historical nature of this area and we will make every effort to minimize any disruption caused by our work. We have been liaising with Lincoln Cathedral and the highways authority to ensure the work takes place at the least inconvenient time.

"Care will be taken to restore the paving and cobbles."

The work is part of a three-month project to renew nearly a kilometre of gas mains in the historic streets around Lincoln Cathedral. The project, which will keep gas flowing to local homes and businesses until the end of the century, started on 5 January and is expected to take until the end of March.

Work is currently under way in St Martin's Street where a road closure is in place until 14 February. Work in Well Lane and Garmston Street has been completed. Gas mains are also scheduled to be replaced in The Strait and High Street towards the end of February and early March, while work in Corporation Street is due to take place later in March.

If members of the public have any queries or concerns they can call National Grid customer services on 0800 0965678.

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