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National Grid continues essential gas mains work in the heart of the City of London

? Work underway in Houndsditch from Outwich Street to Aldgate High Street until January 2015

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- **Goring Street and St Mary's Axe will remain closed until end of December 2014**
- **Minimal dig technology being used to reduce disruption**

National Grid is continuing its programme of gas mains replacement work in the City of London.

Engineers are replacing ageing metallic gas mains with new more durable pipes which will ensure the local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies.

The latest phase of the work is currently underway in Houndsditch, from Outwich Street to Aldgate High Street and should be complete by the end of January 2015. During this time Goring Street and St Mary's Axe will remain closed. Some parking bays along Houndsditch will also be suspended, this will happen in phases commencing at Outwich Street moving along towards Aldgate.

Work has been coordinated with the City of London and Transport for London and the project has been brought forward to coincide with the Aldgate regeneration scheme to minimise disruption.

National Grid project engineer, Mick Morris, said: "Wherever possible we're using innovative technology to insert the new pipe into the old gas mains. This is much quicker and less disruptive than digging trenches to lay new mains.

"Throughout the work, all shops and business will be open as usual and our engineers will make every effort to deliver this essential work with minimal disruption."

The local community and surrounding businesses will be kept informed about the progress of the project.

The project is part of National Grid's essential gas mains replacement programme in the capital.

For more advice or information on the project call 0800 096 5678 or go to www.roadworks.org

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- We own the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales, operating it across Great Britain
- We own and operate the high pressure gas transmission system in Britain
- Our gas distribution business delivers gas to 10.9 million homes and businesses
- We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering
- National Grid manages the National Gas Emergency Service free phone line on behalf of the industry - 0800 111 999 (all calls are recorded and may be monitored).
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- We own 3.8 gigawatts of contracted electricity generation, providing power to over one million LIPA customers
- We are the largest distributor of natural gas in northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.5 million customers in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

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- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,660 kilometres (4,760 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 618 above-ground installations.
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Find out more about the energy challenge and how National Grid is helping find solutions to some of the challenges we face at <https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/news>

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