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National Grid project will herald bright new future for landmark Southall site

- Work will begin soon to dismantle the disused gasholders at the old Southall gas works

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- **The project is a vital step toward preparing the site for redevelopment**
- **Future plans for the site include a new school, shops and thousands of homes**

National Grid is about to begin dismantling the disused gasholders located on the old Southall Gasworks site.

This work is a vital step towards preparing this key site for planned regeneration.

Last year National Grid and developer St James, which now owns the site in The Straight, agreed a deal that will allow the 85-acre brownfield site to be redeveloped.

The plans are set to deliver at least 3,750 much needed new homes, alongside a new school and shops, creating around 1,000 permanent jobs.

However, before the regeneration work can start, the gasholders on the site need to be removed and St James will need to secure detailed planning permission for their regeneration proposals.

National Grid is due to start preparatory work on site in early October and plans to begin dismantling the first gasholder in early 2015.

Nadia Dew, National Grid Land Regeneration Manager, said: "In its day this site fulfilled a vital purpose helping to supply the local community with gas.

"However improvements in technology mean we don't need the site for that purpose anymore so we're freeing up the land for redevelopment."

She added: "National Grid is delighted to be playing its part in preparing this piece of Southall for exciting new possibilities."

National Grid has circulated a letter and information leaflet to residents and nearby businesses about the work and will keep the community up to date throughout the dismantling process.

For more information on the project people can call the Southall Gas Works Communications Team on 0800 319 6186, alternatively they can email NationalGrid@SouthallGasholders.com

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In Britain, we run the gas and electricity systems that our society is built on, delivering gas and electricity across the country. In the North Eastern US, we connect more than seven million gas and electric customers to vital energy sources, essential for our modern lifestyles.

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? Our gas distribution business delivers gas to around 11 million homes and businesses

? We also own a number of related businesses including LNG importation, land remediation and metering

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