

Revised schedule: Gas pipeline repairs in Southall extended

Work suspended to enable local festival to go ahead and will restart with revised end date

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- Work suspended and road closure temporarily lifted to enable Southall's annual Nagar Kirtan procession to go ahead
- Surveys have revealed further repairs are needed with work expected to continue until March 2017
- Park Avenue will be closed with a signed diversion in place via Uxbridge Road and South Road and vice versa

Essential repairs to a gas pipeline are now expected to continue until the spring after engineers found additional work that must be carried out to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies in the area.

It was originally hoped that work to repair the high pressure steel gas pipeline in Park Avenue would be completed this autumn.

However the corrosion of the pipe has been found to be more extensive than first thought which means that the essential repairs will take longer than planned.

The work is now expected to be completed in March 2017, but it has been put on hold to enable Southall's annual Nagar Kirtan procession to go ahead this weekend.

Due to the gas pipe's size, location and the repairs needed engineers will need to use specialist kit and dig large scale excavations, some as deep as 16.4 feet (five metres) in Park Avenue. This means that when work resumes on Monday (7 November) the road will need to be closed for the duration of the project.

A signed diversion will be in place via Uxbridge Road and South Road and vice versa, with access maintained for residents, businesses and local facilities.

National Grid Gas Distribution Network Engineer Brent Tattam said: "This pipe plays an important part in supplying gas for cooking and heating to the local area so the work to repair the corrosion is vital.

"Once work got underway we found that corrosion of the pipe was more extensive than our initial surveys had indicated therefore we've had to extend the work.

He added: "We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause and will do all we can to keep disruption to a minimum.

"Where possible we avoid large excavations and road closures. However because of the pipe's size, location and the type of repairs needed we have no alternative but to dig down to it and close the road."

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