

Spring overhaul for Spalding's gas network

National Grid to renew gas mains in Spalding

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- **Work will keep gas flowing until the end of the century**
- **Temporary closure of Haverfield Road during half-term week**

Monday (15 February) marks the start of a major gas mains upgrade in Spalding that will keep the gas flowing to local homes and businesses until the end of the century.

In an eight-week project, National Grid will be renewing gas mains in Haverfield Road, Vine Street and London Road. The existing iron mains will be replaced with tough, long-lasting plastic pipes that will last for at least 80 years.

Work starts on Monday and is expected to be completed by 8 April. Work will start in Haverfield Road before moving into London Road and Vine Street.

To carry out the work safely, the following traffic management measures will need to be in place:

From **15 February to 19 February**, Haverfield Road will be closed to through traffic, from London Road to Chancery Court. Motorists will be diverted via St Thomas's Road, London Road, Cowbit Road, Church Gate, London Road, Vine Street, Spring Gardens and Priory Road. Vehicle access to properties in Haverfield Road will be maintained.

From **15 February to 25 March**, London Road will be closed to northbound traffic, from the junction with Haverfield Road to the junction with Vine Street. London Road will remain open to southbound traffic. Vehicle access into Haverfield Road will be from the southbound side of London Road only.

From **25 March to 8 April**, Vine Street will be closed to through traffic. A diversion route will be in place via London Road, Haverfield Road and Priory Road. The one-way system between Francis Street and Priory Road will be suspended so that traffic can travel both ways. Some parking bays and disabled parking will be temporarily suspended while the work is underway.

National Grid authorising engineer Dilbir Chana said: "This is essential work that will ensure that local people continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for decades to come.

"We will make every effort to minimise any disruption and the first stage of the work has been scheduled to coincide with half-term to reduce the impact on traffic.

"For the safety of our workers and the public, some road and lane closures are needed. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused but we would urge people to bear with us while we complete this essential work."

For any queries about this work people should contact National Grid's customer services team on 0800 096 5678.

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