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## Summer work: Engineers to replace gas mains in High Street, Sunninghill

Engineers working through the summer holiday to minimise inconvenience

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- Essential gas mains replacement work to be carried out in High Street, Sunninghill
- Phased road closures will be required to enable work to be carried out safely and efficiently
- Work will be carried out during the school summer holidays to minimise disruption

This summer National Grid will be delivering essential work to help ensure residents keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas for cooking and heating.

Engineers will be replacing ageing metal gas mains with tough new pipes in High Street Sunninghill.

Work is due to start on Friday 15 July and last for seven weeks. To enable the work to be carried out safely and efficiently temporary road closures will need to be implemented as follows:

First phase Friday 22 July to Friday 5 August

Bridge Road to Bowden Road.

Second Phase Friday 5 August to Friday 19 August

Bowden Road to School Road.

Third Phase Friday 19 August to Friday 2 September

School Road to Niven Court.

The project has been scheduled for the school summer holiday period when the roads are generally quieter to make sure disruption is minimised. The new pipes will be inserted into the old mains wherever possible which will reduce the need for digging and cut congestion further.

Gas service pipes will also be replaced to properties in the High Street which will result in a brief interruption of the gas supply.

Signed diversions will be in place and local businesses will be open as usual throughout the work. Onsite engineers will be able to provide assistance with any access issues where work is being carried out.

Project Engineer Phil Walden said: "Replacing the ageing gas mains with tough new pipes will help make sure people in Sunninghill keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for heating and cooking.

He added: "We've carefully planned this essential work in close discussion with the local council and other agencies to make sure we deliver it with as little disruption as possible.

"By working in the school summer holidays when traffic is generally lighter and inserting the new pipes into the old mains wherever possible we should ensure disruption is kept to a minimum."

It's very important that people ask to see official identification from engineers trying to obtain access to their property. All National Grid staff carry official identity cards which people should ask to see.

For more information about this project and to verify an engineer's identity people can call 0800 096 5678.

Information can also be found at [www.bettergaspipes.co.uk](http://www.bettergaspipes.co.uk)

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