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- Work will keep gas flowing for the rest of the century
- Temporary traffic lights needed to safeguard staff and road-users

Saturday (22 October) will signal the start of a vital gas mains upgrade in Stockport's Bramhall Lane South. The work will keep homes and businesses warm both this winter and for decades to come.

National Grid will be renewing gas mains in Bramhall Lane South, at the junction with Carrwood Road. It is expected to be completed by 31 October and will see the existing iron gas mains replaced with tough new plastic pipes that will last for at least 80 years once they are in the ground.

To safeguard engineers and road-users, temporary traffic lights will be needed at the junction of Bramhall Lane South and Carrwood Road while the work is underway.

Stephen Murray, Head of Contract, said: "National Grid plays a vital role in keeping people warm. This essential work will mean that local residents and businesses can continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for many years to come.

"We appreciate that this is a busy junction so we'd urge drivers to bear with us. We'll do all we can to complete this work as soon as possible. We really appreciate people's patience and co-operation."

For any enquiries about this work people can contact National Grid's customer services team on 0161 703 1000. To find out more about how National Grid replaces gas mains and how that affects residents and businesses go to www.bettergaspipes.co.uk.

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National Grid in the UK:

- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish networks. Our networks comprise approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,500 kilometres (932 miles) of underground cable and 342 substations.
- 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.
- As Great Britain's System Operator (SO) we make sure gas and electricity is transported safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is
 consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other
 parts of the National Grid Group. This will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and impartial ESO that can realise real benefits for
 consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses; including interconnectors,
 gas metering activities and a liquefied natural gas (LNG) importation terminal all of which are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid
 Property is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

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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