

News Release

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Second phase of gas mains replacement work starts in Cambridge

Motorists are being advised of a road closure and temporary traffic lights, starting today (11 April), in the centre of Cambridge as part of a major project to renew 1.4 kilometres of gas mains.

National Grid, in partnership with Morrison Utility Services, is currently working on the first stage of the project which involves the replacement of 320 metres of gas mains with new long-lasting plastic pipe in Corn Exchange Street, Wheeler Street and Guildhall Street. This stage of work has been split into three phases and engineers are now beginning work on phase two.

To enable this phase of work to be carried out safely, Corn Exchange Street is closed from after the entrance of the Grand Arcade car park to the junction of Wheeler Street. Temporary traffic lights are being used in Benet Street to allow for two-way traffic and access to Wheeler Street and Guildhall Street. Access to Grand Arcade car park and all other properties will be maintained at all times.

Work on phase two is due to be completed on 21 April. Work will then be suspended over the Easter break and road closures and diversions will be lifted where possible.

Phase three is due to start on 6 May and should be complete by 17 June. During this phase Wheeler Street and Guildhall Street will be closed, and the closure of Corn Exchange Street will continue. Access to all properties will be maintained via Benet Street.

Gas supplies will only be affected when the gas supply is being transferred from the old gas pipe to the new one. Homes and businesses affected will be notified in advance of when this will be happening in their street. Supplies will only be disrupted during that day. Our engineers may need access to properties but always ask to see official identification before allowing anyone into your home or business. If in doubt about the identity of an engineer, please call 0845 246 1285.

The mains being replaced are a vital part of the local gas supply system and the work will ensure a safe and reliable gas supply for years to come. The project is part of an investment of over £2 billion a year in National Grid's gas and electricity networks in the UK.

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