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Gas mains upgrade in the pipeline for Berkhamsted

Essential work to help ensure homes and businesses in Berkhamstead keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for decades to come is due to begin on Monday 13 July.

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An essential gas mains upgrade to keep gas flowing to homes and businesses in Berkhamsted for decades to come is due to start on Monday 13 July.

National Grid will be renewing more than 500 metres of iron gas mains in High Street, from the junction with Kings Road and Lower Kings Road to the junction with Cross Oak Road. The existing iron mains will be replaced with tough, hardwearing plastic pipes that will last at least 80 years.

The work is expected to take seven weeks, with the bulk of the project taking place during the school summer holidays to reduce the disruption to the local community and the road network.

To safeguard engineers and road-users, temporary traffic lights will be in operation and will move down High Street as the work is carried out. The work will start at the junction of Cross Oak Road, working down High Street to junction with King's Road.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Dilbir Chana said: "We are sorry for any inconvenience this work may cause but it is vital that we replace ageing gas mains so that local residents and businesses can continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for many years to come.

"It has been timed so that the bulk of the project will coincide with the school summer holidays to reduce the impact on traffic. Every effort will be made to complete the work as soon as we can and minimize disruption to local people."

Work will be carried out in the following stages:

- Work will start at junction of High Street and Cross Oak Road. Temporary traffic lights will be in place. These will be manually operated from 7am to 7pm.
- Work will then move down High Street towards Kitsbury Road. There will be temporary traffic lights in the junction of Kitsbury Road and High Street. It may also be necessary to temporarily suspend some parking spaces.
- Once the previous phase has been completed, engineers will move down High Street towards Boxwell Road and Park View Road. During this phase there will be temporary traffic lights between these junctions. Some parking bays may have to be suspended.
- Work will then head towards Cowper Road, where there will be temporary traffic lights at the junction of Cowper Road and High Street and possible suspended parking.

- With the previous stages complete, the work will move to the junction of Elm Grove and then to King Street and Lower King Street. Elm Grove will be closed to through traffic but access will be maintained for residents. The traffic lights at the junction of King Street and High Street will be replaced with temporary traffic lights.
- The final stage of the work will take place in Cross Oak Road. Traffic management measures will be confirmed nearer to the work starting.

Businesses affected by the work may be eligible for compensation for loss of business under the Gas Regulations 1996. Businesses can find out more by going to www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas.

If anyone has any queries or concerns they can contact National Grid customer services on 0800 096 5678.

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Notes for editors

National Grid has two contracted organisations carrying out gas mains replacement work on its behalf. They are: tRiIO, a partnership between Skanska and Morrison Utility Services, in North London, East Anglia and the East of England and Balfour Beatty in the West Midlands and North West.

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