

Coming soon: Engineers prepare to start work in Blake Hall Road, Wanstead

Work on essential power project for community in Wanstead set to resume

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- Essential work to maintain safe and reliable gas supplies due to resume on Monday 20 June 2016 for 20 weeks
- Project programme carefully designed to delivered with as smoothly as possible
- Traffic management will be required but local businesses and shops will remain open as normal throughout work

National Grid is preparing to resume work to replace ageing gas mains in Blake Hall Road, Wanstead with tough new pipes.

The work, which also involves replacing service pipes to some properties, is scheduled to start on Monday 20 June and is planned to be completed in approximately 20 weeks.

The project will help ensure local people continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

Traffic management including the road closures outlined below, will be needed to ensure engineers can carry out the work safely and efficiently. However access to properties will be maintained and shops and businesses will remain open for business as normal.

Overton Road

Overton Road will be closed at the junction of Blake Hall Road for approximately eight weeks from the beginning of August. Width restrictions will be removed to ensure access is maintained to properties.

Tennyson Road

Tennyson Road will be closed for approximately three weeks in October.

Felstead Road

Felstead Road will be closed for approximately three weeks from late October.

Project Engineer Paul Illingworth said: "This essential project will help make sure the local community continue to enjoy safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating.

"We've planned the work in close discussion with Redbridge Council and others including TfL and the police to ensure it's delivered as smoothly as possible."

He added: "To minimise be traffic disruption we'll be inserting the new pipes into the old mains wherever possible which reduces the need for digging.

"We've also planned our work at the busy Overton Road junction for the school summer holidays when roads are generally quieter."

All engineers working for National Grid carry official identification and people should ask to see this before letting them into their property. To verify the identity of an engineer or for more information about the work call 0800 096 5678.

More information can also be found at www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

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