

Essential gas mains replacement work in Bridge Street, Ramsbottom

New plastic pipes to replace old metal ones to make sure Ramsbottom has safe, reliable gas supply for generations

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- **Bridge Street closed for four to six weeks to allow old metal mains to be replaced with modern plastic pipe**
- **New pipes designed to last at least 80 years once in the ground**
- **Bury Council to carry out resurfacing work after gas works finishes, using same road closure**

Bridge Street in Ramsbottom is to be closed to traffic from Saturday for four to six weeks while National Grid engineer replace old plastic gas mains with modern plastic pipes.

The work will see Bridge Street closed in both directions between Bolton Street and Crow Lane. Once the gas mains have been replaced, Bury Council will carry out resurfacing work while the road remains closed to traffic.

Stephen Murray, Head of Contract for National Grid said: "We hope that people will be patient with us during our work. We'll be doing all we can to speed up the job, We know that it will cause delays for motorists travelling through this part of town but we would ask them to bear with us.

"There will be disruption in the short-term, but the long-term benefit will be a safe and reliable gas supply for the people of Ramsbottom for generations to come."

National Grid has contacted local homes and businesses to notify them of the project and the company will have its customer services vehicle on site on the day that the work gets underway and at other points during the project.

Diversion routes will be signposted with separate ones for cars and heavy goods vehicles.

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