

# Vital gas mains renewal set for Hungate, Lincoln

Gas pipe upgrade starts on 3 August

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- **Work will secure local gas supplies for decades to come**
- **Hungate closed to through traffic access for residents and businesses only**

An essential gas mains upgrade to keep the gas flowing to homes and businesses in Lincoln for decades to come is due to start on Monday (3 August) in Hungate.

National Grid will be replacing the existing iron gas mains with modern hardwearing plastic pipes that are designed to last for at least 80 years. The work is expected to take four weeks.

To carry out the work safely, it will be necessary to close Hungate to through traffic from the junction with Spring Hill to the junction with St Martin's Lane for the four weeks while the work is under way.

Vehicle access will be maintained to Garmston Street and St Martin's Lane. Vehicle access will also be maintained for residents and businesses throughout the works. A diversion route for through traffic will be in place.

The work has been timed to coincide with the school summer holidays to ease congestion on roads in the area.

National Grid Authorising Engineer Paul Martin said: "This essential work will ensure safe and reliable gas supplies to residents and businesses in the centre of Lincoln until the end of the century.

"We appreciate that this is a very busy area, which is why the work has been planned for the school summer holidays to reduce the impact on traffic.

"We will do everything we can to complete the project as quickly as possible and to minimize any inconvenience our work may cause. We greatly appreciate the co-operation and patience of the local community and motorists."

This work forms part of an ongoing programme to renew the gas mains in Lincoln.

If anyone has any queries about the work and how it will affect them they can contact 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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