

Gas mains replacement work planned for Northwich

Essential work to be carried out over six weeks ahead of council resurfacing scheme.

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- **Essential work to be carried out over six weeks to renew gas mains**
- **New pipes designed to last at least 80 years once in the ground**
- **Work planned in conjunction with local authority to minimise disruption to road users**

Work to replace old metal gas mains with modern plastic pipes gets underway on Winnington Lane at the junction of Moss Road on Monday 18th April for six weeks.

The work, being carried out by engineers working for National Grid, will see new pipes laid which will last for at least 80 years once they are in the ground. The work has been planned in conjunction with Cheshire West and Chester Council as part of a wider scheme which will also see major resurfacing works carried out at the junction once the gas works are completed.

National Grid will replace around 250 metres of low pressure gas mains ranging in size from 6 inches to 12 inches in diameter. There have been a small number of gas escapes in this area recently and so it is important that the pipes are replaced now. The new pipes will be laid using open excavation. This will allow the company to maintain the gas supply to local homes and businesses while the work is carried out.

Temporary traffic lights will be in operation while the work is underway.

Stephen Murray, National Grid said: "We need to do the work to make sure that the people of Northwich can continue to count on a reliable gas supply. We're replacing a section of old metal mains with a modern type of plastic pipe which will last for decades once it is in the ground."

"We know that the work, which will be followed on by the Cheshire West and Chester's resurfacing work will cause issues for local residents and road users but we hope that they will be patient with us. We'll do everything in our power to get our work done as quickly as possible.

"We hope that people will understand that a few weeks of work will allow us to guarantee them a safe and reliable gas supply for many decades to come."

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