

Gas mains upgrade in Spalding to finish in April

Essential gas pipe renewal in Spalding expected to take extra two weeks

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- **Businesses open as usual**
- **London Road remains closed to northbound traffic**

National Grid is advising residents and businesses in Spalding that essential gas pipe renewal is expected to take an additional two weeks.

Work in London Road started on 15 February. However, owing to engineering difficulties it is now expected to be finished by 8 April. Motorists are reminded that London Road will remain closed to northbound traffic, between Haverfield Road and Vine Street, but drivers can continue to travel southbound. Vehicle access into Haverfield Road is from the southbound side of London Road only.

Businesses are open as usual.

The 10-week project involves replacing the existing iron mains with tough, hardwearing plastic pipes to ensure safe and reliable gas supplies for local people until the end of the century.

Gas mains upgrade work in Vine Street is now expected to start on 8 April and will take two weeks. While the work is under way Vine Street will be closed to through traffic. A diversion route will be in place via London Road, Haverfield Road and Priory Road.

The one-way system between Francis Street and Priory Road will be suspended so that traffic can travel both ways. Some parking bays and disabled parking will be temporarily suspended while the work is underway.

Access to all car parks will be maintained and businesses will be open as usual.

Work in Haverfield Road was completed last week and Haverfield Road was reopened to through traffic.

National Grid authorising engineer Dilbir Chana said: "Unfortunately owing to engineering difficulties work has been delayed by two weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and we will make every effort to complete this work as soon as possible.

"This is essential work that will ensure that local people continue to enjoy a safe and reliable gas supply for decades to come. Businesses are open as usual. We would urge people to take extra care as they travel through the road works."

For any queries about this work people should contact National Grid's customer services team on 0800 096 5678.

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