

## In the pipeline: Engineers prep for gas mains replacement project in South Ockendon

Essential work to help maintain safe and reliable gas supplies to take place from July to November

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- Ageing gas mains in South Road, South Ockendon to be replaced with tough new pipes in essential new project
- Work scheduled to take place between Monday 25 July and Monday 28 November 2016
- Temporary two way traffic lights will be used to ensure work can be delivered safely and efficiently

Later this month National Grid will begin work which will help ensure South Ockendon residents keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies in future years.

Work on the scheme to replace ageing gas mains in South Road with tough new pipes is due to start on Monday 25 July and is scheduled for completion on Monday 28 November 2016.

To enable work to be completed safely and efficiently temporary two way traffic lights will be used during the project.

There will be no need to close local footpaths and local businesses will remain open as normal. Also as there are no gas service pipes to replace on this project, there will be no need to temporarily switch off gas supplies or any need to gain access to people's properties.

The new pipes will be inserted into the old gas mains wherever possible which will reduce the need for digging and minimise inconvenience for locals and road users.

Project Engineer Steve Edwards said: "Replacing these ageing gas mains with tough new pipes will help make sure people in South Ockendon keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating in the future."

He added: "We'll do all we can to deliver this essential work with as little disruption as possible."

For more information about the project people can call 0800 096 5678.

Information can also be found at [www.bettergaspipes.co.uk](http://www.bettergaspipes.co.uk)

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