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Lane closures on Garrison Circus as engineers fix gas leak

National Grid engineers working 24/7 to fix gas escape on Garrison Circus in Birmingham

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- Gas escape on pipe under Garrison Circus roundabout
- Lane closures from tonight and no exit to Garrison Lane
- Engineers will work 24/7 to find and fix leak

National Grid engineers are working round the clock to find and fix a gas escape on Garrison Circus roundabout in Birmingham.

From 8pm tonight (Thursday 5 November), two lanes on Garrison Circus will be closed so that engineers can track down and repair the gas leak. The location of the gas escape means that the exit from the roundabout to Garrison Lane will be closed and a diversion route will be in place. It is hoped that one lane of the roundabout can be reopened during the daytime tomorrow. Once the leak is fixed and the road surface restored, it may be a day before traffic can use the affected lanes again.

John Gardner, National Grid Engineer said: "We plan to work 24 hours a day until we've found and fixed this gas escape. We know how busy this roundabout gets and so we will do everything we can to keep traffic moving while we carry out our work. We would urge people to avoid the area if they can and find other routes.

"We hope people will have patience with us and understand that it is vital that we work quickly but safely to stop the leak. We can't, at this stage, say when the work will be finished but we do expect to continuing working into the weekend if necessary when the traffic will be lighter. We apologise in advance to people for any disruption to their journeys and would assure them that we will do everything we can to carry out a speedy repair."

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