

Paving the way for new possibilities: National Grid discusses future of Borehamwood site with community

National Grid public drop-in session to discuss plans to prepare a former gasworks in Borehamwood for redevelopment.

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- Plan to dismantle gasholders in Borehamwood to pave the way for future redevelopment
- Pedestrian walkway from Coleridge Way to Station Road will remain open during work
- Local councillors and residents attended recent drop in event

National Grid has held a public drop-in session to discuss its plans to prepare a former gasworks in Station Road, Borehamwood for redevelopment.

Work to dismantle the gasholders and clear up the site is due to begin soon and plans are progressing to move onsite operational gas equipment to a nearby location.

A number of locals attended the recent session on Thursday 30 July, including Councillor Clive Butchins, who represents the Borehamwood Hillside Ward.

He said: "Although it is a shame to lose such a local landmark, I am happy to see the gasholders removed from site to prepare it for a more useful future."

Work to clear-up the site should be finished by December 2015. The land has been allocated for housing in the Hertsmere Local Plan and the gasholders need to be removed so this can happen.

Nadia Dew, Land Regeneration Manager at National Grid said: "It is always great to meet with the site's neighbours. We hope that people found the session and opportunity to ask questions helpful.

"Many residents were keen to find out whether the well-used pedestrian walkway would remain open during the work and we were able to reassure them that it would."

She added: "We'll continue to keep all our neighbours updated on how our work's progressing."

The site was once used to make so called 'town gas' from coal. This stopped after natural gas was found in the North Sea during the 1960s. However the site's gasholders continued to be used to store gas which supplied the local area. Changes in technology mean the gas holders are no longer needed to store gas and they have now been decommissioned.

Anyone with questions about the work can call the project's Community Relations team on 0800 073 1047. The line is open from 7am -7pm Monday to Friday and 7am-1pm on Saturday.

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