

Utilities unite: National Grid and Thames Water work to deliver vital work in Haringey smoothly

National Grid works with Thames Water to deliver essential work with minimal impact to locals and road users

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- National Grid and Thames Water replacing local mains together to limit disruption
- Work due to start Monday 31 August and last approximately nine weeks
- St James Lane closed with access maintained for local residents

National Grid is working with Thames Water to ensure that vital work to replace local infrastructure causes minimal disruption to residents and road users.

Engineers are to replace ageing gas mains with tough new pipes in Muswell Hill between Alexander Palace Way and St James Lane. Work is scheduled to begin on Monday 31 August and last for around nine weeks. At the same time Thames Water will be replacing its water mains in the road.

To enable this essential work to be carried out safely and efficiently St James Lane will be closed for the duration of the project. There will be traffic management, a signed diversion and access

Work has been carefully planned to ensure it's delivered with maximum efficiency and minimal inconvenience to the local community and road users. National Grid carried out detailed surveys to determine the exact positions of existing pipes. Wherever possible the new gas pipes will be inserted into the old gas mains which will further reduce any disruption by limiting the amount of digging needed.

National Grid will need access to some local properties to replace gas service pipes. Affected properties will be notified in advance and people are reminded they should ask to see official identification from anyone trying to gain access to their property.

National Grid Area Manager Pat Nathan said: "Carrying out our work at the same time as Thames Water means that local roads won't need to be dug up twice."

"Our work will help ensure people in the area keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating."

Thames Water Project Manager Neil Hancock added: "The work we're doing to replace the old worn out pipes will reduce the risk of leaks and bursts so will help save water and minimise future disruption in the area."

For further information on the gas mains replacement work and to verify the identity of National Grid engineers residents can call 0800 096 5678.

For the latest on the work go to www.nationalgrid.com/inyourstreet

For any questions about the Thames Water work call 0800 316 9800 (selecting option 1)

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