



Gas upgrade in the pipeline for Woking as part of £750,000 project

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Gas distribution company SGN will shortly be starting work to upgrade the local gas supply network in Old Woking Road, Woking.

As part of a project to ensure a continued safe and reliable gas supply to the local community, the existing metal gas mains and services need to be replaced with modern plastic polyethylene pipe.

The essential work forms part of an ongoing mains replacement programme developed with the Health and Safety Executive. Following discussions with Surrey County Council, work will start on Monday 3 August for approximately 36 weeks.

The project will take place in Old Woking Road between Sheerwater Road and East Hill. Engineers will progress southwards along the road from the Sheerwater Road junction, upgrading the gas main in 100-metre sections at a time. To ensure everyone's safety, temporary traffic lights will be in place around the work area.

SGN Project Manager Steve Munslow said: "We'll be inserting the majority of our new gas main inside the existing main. This means we don't have to dig long trenches and it's the least disruptive way of replacing our pipes.

"The new plastic pipe has a minimum lifespan of 80 years, which means once the work has been completed, people in Woking will continue to enjoy the benefits of a continued safe and secure gas supply for many years to come."

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Specific details of the project can be found on SGN's website as well as a short video explaining more about what to expect from the mains replacement work.

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