

Dear Resident

January 2025

Notification of the replacement of gas mains in B3350 Church Road, Earley

I am writing to advise you that we are planning to upgrade the gas network pipe in Church Road, Earley. The old metal gas pipes have reached the end of their life and need to be replaced with plastic pipes to allow us to ensure that we can continue to provide a safe and reliable network.

Our contractor I&G Contractors Ltd, who will be carrying out this work on our behalf, will start work on Monday 20 January 2025 for approximately ten weeks.

Where will the work take place?

Our engineers will begin work on Church Road starting on Monday 20 January for approximately four weeks. To ensure the safety of traffic around the work site, temporary three-way traffic lights will be installed at the junction of Eastcourt Avenue and later at Palmerstone Road.

From Monday 17 February, Church Road will be closed between its junctions with Woodlands Avenue and Culver Lane for approximately six weeks. The first week of this closure has been scheduled to coincide with the spring half term holiday, minimising disruption to road users.

During the first week of the closure, temporary two-way traffic lights will be in place at the Woodlands Avenue junction with Church Road.

A signed diversion route will be in place via B3350 Pitts Lane, A4 London Road, Reading Road, Headley Road, Loddon Bridge Road, Crockhamwell Road, and Woodlands Avenue.

What does this mean for you?

- The bus stop on Culver Lane will be suspended for the duration of our works - please contact your bus provider for changes to the bus route.
- Please advise visitors and delivery companies that they may need to use the diversion.
- A webpage is available at <https://sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/earley-church-road> to keep you updated on our progress.

A virtual drop-in event will be held via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 14 January from 5pm-6pm to explain the project in more detail and answer any questions you may have. To access the drop in, please use the QR code below or online via <https://microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting> and use meeting ID: 394 128 882 605 with passcode: qv7Fk3QC

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience experienced during this work.

Yours faithfully

Peter Stead

Project Manager

Scan to join us at our virtual drop-in event via Microsoft Teams to find out more about our project.

Date: Tuesday 14th January 2025
Time: 5pm to 6pm



I have added commonly asked questions about our work.

Why do you need to replace the pipe?

The original metal gas pipes now need replacing with PE Plastic Pipe. The new pipe will ensure that we are able to continue to provide a safe and reliable gas supply to the community. Replacing the pipe will reduce the risk of the pipe leaking and the supply being interrupted until repairs can be made.

Will there be an interruption to my gas supply?

As part of the replacement works there may be a requirement to interrupt the gas supply to your property during the works. You will be given at least five working days' notice of the date(s) of any interruptions.

Why do you close a road or install traffic lights?

There are regulations relating to the amount of space required to work safely. If the road does not meet these requirements, we must use traffic management to ensure the safety of everyone around our worksite.

The road is closed but there doesn't appear to be anyone working on site.

There will be times when there is traffic management or work site in place, and no one can be seen working on site. This can be for many reasons, examples of which include:

- Awaiting reinstatement activities, such as concrete curing or tarmac delivery etc.
- Engineers working on another part of the project nearby but out of sight.
- Engineers requiring comfort breaks to eat etc.
- They may be collecting new supplies or arranging for changes to the planned work.