

Your questions answered...

Q. Why are these works necessary?

A. The section of main being replaced is a very old metal gas pipe that has had a number of emergency gas leaks. The pipe now needs to be replaced to avoid further disruptive emergency works and ensure we can continue to provide residents and wider community with a safe and efficient gas supply for years to come.

Q. Why can't the work be carried out under traffic lights instead of closing the road?

A. Where the pipes are in the road there is insufficient road width available to safely allow vehicles to pass. Closing roads is always our last option. We work closely with the Highways Team to ensure all options are considered, ultimately it is down to safety of the public and our engineers.

Q. Why can't you work 24 hours to complete this work quicker?

A. Due to the engineering requirements of this project, it is not safe for us to carry out the necessary work during night-time hours. As the gas supply will remain live throughout the works, performing tasks outside of standard hours would introduce additional risks.

Q. Will emergency service access be maintained?

A. Emergency blue light access will be maintained throughout the closure. However, it will not be possible to provide access for other vehicles during this time.

Q. How can you provide access through the closure to emergency services/responders but not for other vehicles?

A. To ensure emergency services can get through the closure, we'll need to stop works, ensure machinery and road plates are placed over excavations. This would not be possible for the volume of public traffic/vehicles.

Q. Will you have more engineers on site to complete these works as quickly as possible?

A. The nature of the work is complex, and adding more engineers in a confined space can actually delay progress and increase safety risks. We will allocate resources in a way that ensures both maximum efficiency and the highest safety standards.

Q. Why can't you do all works at nighttime and open during the day?

A. For safety reasons nighttime working is not possible.

Q. Why is the road closed, but engineers are not visible?

A. There are several reasons why engineers may not always be visible on site. To maintain gas supplies while replacing the gas main, some tasks require them to work away from the immediate area. These include pressure testing at local governors, completing gas connection work within properties, collecting materials from nearby storage locations, or waiting for concrete to cure during road reinstatement.

Investing in your gas supply



Stockbridge Road, Chichester

We're writing to keep you informed about essential gas main replacement work planned for Stockbridge Road, Chichester

From Saturday 10 October for a duration of seven weeks, SGN engineers will be completing gas main replacement on Stockbridge Road. These works are essential to ensure we can continue to maintain a safe and efficient gas supply to the community and avoid disruptive gas leaks in the future.

Due to the location of the gas pipes in the road, for everyone's safety we have no option than to complete this work under a road closure. Further details and location of closure overleaf.

We understand how disruptive this road closure will be for the community; our engineers will be doing everything they can to complete these works as quickly and as safely as possible.

Got a question - we will be hosting a drop in information event:

Wednesday 2 September

Donnington Village Hall, West Wing

Stockbridge Road, Donnington, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8QT

Pop in any time between 3pm and 7pm – the team will be there to answer any questions you may have.

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Where is the work taking place?

Phase one: from Saturday 10 October for approximately seven weeks

Road Closure – we'll be replacing the gas pipes on Stockbridge Road from the junction of A27 roundabout to Grosvenor Road. A full road closure will be in place between these junctions.

- No through vehicle access between these junctions
- Resident/shops vehicle access within the closure will be maintained via diversion route, Grosvenor Road end of the closure. No access via the A27
- Pedestrian and cycle access through the closure will be maintained
- **Bus routes including school buses will be affected** – please contact your service provider for the latest information about changes to your service
- Bin collection days will remain unchanged, unless you hear otherwise from your service provider

Emergency Service access is being maintained via the A27 – Gatekeepers will be in operation 24hrs to support access through the closure.

Our engineers will be working as quickly and as safely as possible to complete these works sooner than the seven weeks duration. The road closure will be lifted before moving on to the remaining phases of work.

Phase two: from Monday 30 November for approximately four weeks

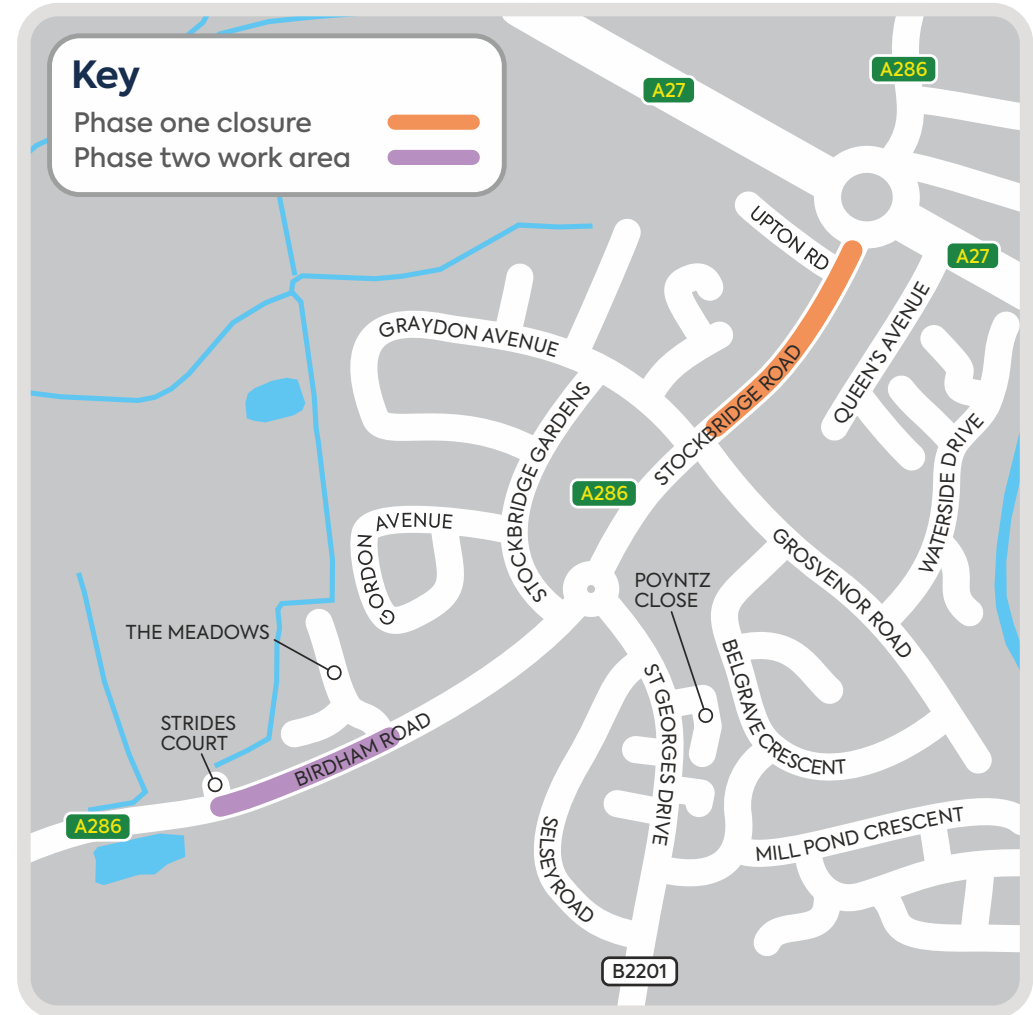
We'll be working in Birdham Road between the junction of The Meadows to junction of Strides Court using multi-way temporary traffic lights.

Bus services will be affected

Please visit <https://stge.co/4h7LRzc> or scan the QR code for more information.



Businesses and shops remain open as usual. Please continue to support your local businesses/shops while the road is closed.



We are sorry about any inconvenience our work causes and would like to thank road users for their patience. This is a complex engineering project, however we always aim to minimise disruption whenever possible.