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Future-proofing Eton High Street: Locals invited to get the lowdown on scheme to safeguard local gas pipes into the 22nd century

- Cadent to replace ageing gas pipes in historic Eton High Street to ensure local community keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas for cooking and heating into 22nd century
- Work will be carried out in two phases and involve a road closure and traffic management
- Locals can find out more at a public exhibition on Thursday 16 January

Engineers are preparing to add a new chapter to the history of Eton High Street in early 2020 with a scheme to replace the ageing gas network with tough new pipes which should last into the 22nd century.

The project involves replacing ageing gas mains and service pipes with tough new pipes which won't need replacing again for at least 80 years. This work needs to be done now to help ensure people in the local area keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas supplies for cooking and heating into the future.

A public drop in event where people can find out more about the work is being held on Thursday 16 January in Eton Parish Council Building in 102 High St, Eton, SL4 6AJ from 6pm to 8pm.

The project is due to start on Monday 3 February 2020 and currently it is expected to take between 20 and 22 weeks to complete.

It's planned to deliver the work in two phases as follows:

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Phase One

Road closed from The Windsor Bridge to the junction with Eton Court. This phase is expected to take between 10 to 12 weeks to complete.

Phase Two

Two-way traffic management from Eton Court to Eton College. This phase of work is expected to take 8 to 10 weeks to complete.

Cadent has carefully planned the work and worked closely with the local authorities to ensure the project is delivered with minimal disruption.

Where possible the new pipes will be inserted into the old gas mains which dramatically reduces the size of excavations needed and duration of the work. However due to the size and position of some of the existing gas mains, engineers will need to dig old style trenches to lay some section of new pipe.

Engineers replacing old gas service pipes will require access to affected properties to carry out the work and the gas supply will also need to be temporarily disconnected. Engineers will contact those affected customers in advance of this work being carried out. People are reminded that they should ask to see official identification from anyone seeking to gain access to their property. All engineers working for Cadent carry official identification which should be inspected before granting admission to properties for more information visit <https://cadentgas.com/help-advice/supporting-our-customers/checking-engineer-ids> to verify an engineer's identity call 0345 835 1111 - Option 2

Project Manager Richard Penny said: "We've carefully planned our work in close discussion with the local authorities and information has also been sent to local homes and businesses.

"We're doing all we can to ensure this essential work is delivered with as little disruption to the local area as possible."

He added: "Our work will help ensure people in Eton keep on enjoying safe and reliable gas for cooking and heating in the future.

"I'd encourage locals who have any questions about the work to come and visit us at the public exhibition on Thursday 16 January."

For more information on the project call 0800 096 5678, more information on Cadent's gas mains replacement work can also be found at www.bettergaspipes.co.uk

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