

June 2020

Dear local resident/business,

Urgent gas mains replacement – Reading Bridge, George Street
Bridge closure: from Monday 29 June for approximately six weeks

We know that during the coronavirus outbreak, you'll rely on us now more than ever to keep you and your family safe and warm. Your safety, and the safety of our employees, will remain our number one priority in the weeks and months ahead.

We need to carry out safety-critical work to replace two strategic gas mains across Reading Bridge. This urgent work needs to go ahead now, rather than wait until the pandemic passes, to ensure your local community continues to receive a safe and reliable gas supply. Our specialist contractor I&G will be completing the work on our behalf.

We're working closely with the government and public health bodies to make sure we work safely and in line with expert advice during the coronavirus outbreak. We have extra safety precautions in place to protect our colleagues and our customers from catching or spreading the virus as we carry out our safety-critical project.

To ensure everyone's safety, we'll need to close the bridge on George Street. We understand that closing Reading Bridge will cause disruption for road users. To help avoid further closures and disruption in the future, we have taken the decision to replace both gas mains at the same time.

You may be aware that SGN are currently working on the roundabout south side of the bridge – this is in preparation for the work required on the bridge.

Work on the bridge will start on Monday 29 June for approximately six weeks, with the closure in place for the duration. Access to George Street will be from the north side of the bridge via the B3345 and a signed diversion will be in place.

Access across the bridge will be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists. To support social distancing guidelines, there will be two pedestrian walkways and two cycle paths across the bridge. Each pathway/cycleway will be clearly signposted with the direction of traffic flow.

There are no planned interruptions to local gas supplies.

We will be working a seven-day week with support from additional teams. Due to local environmental restrictions, night-time works will be kept to a minimum and only when necessary. We would like to reassure you that our engineers will be working as quickly and as safely as possible to complete this work without delay.

If you'd like to get in touch with us about this project, please call our Customer Service team on 0800 912 1700 who will be happy to direct your enquiry. There's more information about our coronavirus plans, as well as other ways to contact us, on our website: sgn.co.uk/coronavirus.

Please accept our apologies in advance for any inconvenience our works cause.

Yours faithfully,
Bob Taylor
Project Manager



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