



Essential Gas Network Repairs – A229 Loose Road Maidstone Road Closure - Monday 20 October - Duration Five Weeks

Since Wednesday 1 October our engineers have been investigating several gas escapes along Loose Road between the Fire Station and the junction with A274 Sutton Road. These investigations have found that a significant section of the gas network at this location is in poor condition and needs urgently replacing with new plastic pipe.

Working in close consultation with Kent County Council, we've arranged for our contractor, WCB Utilities to carry out this work on our behalf from Monday 20 October.

We'll need to replace four old gas main pipes, laid around 100 years ago, running either side of the road with around 1800m of new plastic pipe. We will also need to renew any old metal service pipes to around 75 properties and transfer their supplies onto the new pipe.

WCB Utilities will be working extended hours from Monday to Saturdays to complete this work as quickly as possible. Sundays will be used to allow road surface materials to set before moving on to the next section of work.

For everyone's safety Loose Road will be closed to all through traffic at the junction of A274 Sutton Road for the duration of our work. Access will be kept for properties and businesses within the works area. A Signed diversion route will be in place

We recommend drivers follow the signed diversion routes and avoid using smaller roads that are not suitable for heavy traffic. We're working with Kent County Council to arrange for additional signs and traffic management operatives to be in place to limit access to roads that are not suitable for HGVs.

Bus services are affected, please contact the operators directly for changes to routes and bus stop locations.

We'll post updates on our progress and any changes to traffic management on our website here <https://www.sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/maidstone-a229-loose-road>

We understand roadworks can be frustrating and we're sorry for any inconvenience this causes. However, the new plastic pipe has a lifespan of 80 years. This means that once our work is done, Maidstone residents and businesses will be able to enjoy the benefits of a safe and reliable supply of gas for many years to come.

Have a question, or something you'd like to let us know about? We're here to help. Please visit our website for details on ways to contact us: <https://www.sgn.co.uk/Contact-SGN> or call our customer service team on 0800 912 1700