



## We're upgrading our gas network, B2237 Worthing Road, Horsham

We're writing to give you an update on our essential gas network upgrades in the B2237 Worthing Road area of Horsham. This work will ensure a continued safe and reliable supply of gas is delivered to nearby homes and businesses.

We're replacing our old metal pipes along B2237 Worthing Road. This is part of our 30-year programme of work to replace our old mains, reaching the end of their useful lives, with new, reliable plastic pipe.

Work started on 19 February on Worthing Road at the junction of Blackbridge Lane. Our engineers have now laid approximately 50m of new plastic pipe in an open cut trench between the junctions of Blackbridge Lane and Cricketfield Road. In the week beginning 4 March, we will be carrying out connections to the existing pipework in both roads and renewing old metal service pipes to adjoining properties.

We've needed to keep Blackbridge Lane closed for longer than expected, to carry out some complex connections, but we don't expect this to alter our original planned duration for the project, which is still on schedule.

All being well we aim to have Blackbridge Lane reopened towards the middle of the week beginning 11 March. Worthing Road will remain closed around our work site.

To minimise disruption, our contractor, I&G Contracting, will be working extended hours to allow completion of the work as quickly and as safely as possible.

All our work is planned in close consultation with West Sussex Council and key Stakeholders.

We understand roadworks can be frustrating. However, the new plastic pipe has a life span of 80 years. This means once our work is done, Horsham residents and businesses will be able to enjoy the benefits of a safe and reliable gas supply for many years to come.