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## **Woodley's Gas Mains In Need of Renewal**

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**Southern Gas Networks (SGN) will shortly be starting work on a £2.2 million project to renew the gas main network in Woodley.**

From Tuesday 4 May, SGN will be carrying out work to replace some 12 kilometres of ageing metal gas mains and services in the 'Just Tiles' roundabout area of Woodley, with durable plastic (polyethylene) pipe. This is essential work which forms part of SGN's ongoing gas mains replacement programme developed with the Health and Safety Executive and will take approximately 12 to 14 months to complete.

The majority of the work will take place in Loddon Bridge Road, Headley Road, Reading Road, Butts Hill Road, Headley Road East and Tippings Lane. Further details will appear on its website – [sgn.co.uk](http://sgn.co.uk) – as the project progresses.

To ensure the work is undertaken in as efficient a manner as possible, there will be at least four teams spread across the project at any one time. Where possible, the mains will be replaced using the insertion method, which means pushing the new pipe into the old main; this greatly reduces the amount of digging required, which in turn reduces disruption to residents, businesses and road-users.

Unfortunately, as the mains are located under the road, it will be necessary to carry out the majority of the work under temporary traffic lights. A road closure will be

necessary while SGN carries out its work at the junction of Headley Road and Reading Road, during which time a signed diversion will be in place. Any further closures that may be required will be planned well in advance, with residents notified accordingly. Advance warning signs will be in place throughout the project, while access to homes and businesses will be maintained.

Team Manager David Smith said: “We have been working in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council, Reading Buses and Thames Travel to plan this project in such a way as to keep disruption to a minimum.

“Although there may be some short-term disruption, this investment will mean that the area’s gas supply will continue to be safe and reliable long into the future.”

SGN would like to take this opportunity to thank residents, businesses and road-users in anticipation of their co-operation and patience. Anyone requiring any further information or advice should not hesitate to call SGN on 01252 353 537.

Southern Gas Networks plc is part of the Scotia Gas Networks Group, which is the UK’s second-largest gas distribution company, serving 3.9 million customers in central southern England and south east England.

Whatever time of day or night, anyone who smells gas should dial the National Gas Emergency Number – 0800 111 999\*. Lines are open 365 days a year and calls are free.

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