

Your questions answered...

Q. Why wasn't this work completed when they replaced the main close to Badger Roundabout?

A. The work at Badger Roundabout was planned and not related to these works. We carried out reinforcement work to the network to support the new housing estate and the increased demand for gas pressure.

Q. Why are these works required?

A. You will have seen our engineers out on the road with traffic lights repairing leaks on a number of occasions. We can no longer continue to keep repairing this section, it needs to be replaced.

Q. Why is this work taking place now during the summer and holiday time

A. The gas main being replaced is a medium pressure gas main that provides gas to customers from Poole to the North Dorset area. Work on this gas main needs to take place now before the demand for gas increases during the winter months. When the gas demand increases, the pressure in the pipe increases to a level that we are unable to work on the medium pressure main and maintain supply at the same time.

Q. Why can't the work be carried out under lights instead of closing the road?

A. Due to the gas main crossing the road and the width of the road space available, as well as having teams working with large machinery, we are unable to complete this work safely without a full road closure.

Q. Why can't you work 24 hours to complete this work quicker?

A. The engineering required for this project would not safely allow night-time working on a live gas supply. Our

engineers are committed to working throughout daylight hours - 6am through to 10pm seven days a week.

Q. Will you have more engineers on site to complete these works as quickly as possible?

A. The work involved is complex; putting more engineers in one hole can delay progress and present risks. We will have three teams working together on this project, each located at different sections of the replacement area - this will significantly increase the speed of this project.

Q. Why is the road closed but engineers are not visible?

A. We'll be working seven days a week from 6am to 10pm. Sometimes there are reasons why engineers may not be visible on site. To maintain gas supplies while replacing this gas main there are jobs that require the engineers to leave site; they could be testing pressures on local governors around the area, collecting materials from local storage, carrying out mandatory health and safety paperwork in their van but need network access, or the road is being reinstated and they are waiting for the concrete to cure. We'll aim to put signage out to keep you informed.

Q. Will emergency service access be maintained?

A. We will make sure emergency services are fully aware of the road closure and the planned diversion route. They will make sure their response teams are allocated from the quickest route. We will make sure access is available within the closure and will keep emergency services advised.

Investing in your gas supply

A350 Blandford Forum



A350 Bournemouth Road closed for urgent gas main replacement

We're writing to let you know from **Friday 4 August for three weeks**, SGN engineers will begin an urgent programme of work to replace the leaking section of gas main along the A350 to the south east of the Badger roundabout. By replacing the gas pipes now, we'll significantly minimise the risk of future gas leaks that cause disruptive unplanned emergency work.

Due to the complexity of the engineering work required, the gas main crossing the centre of the road, and the size of the equipment needed, we have no other safe option than to close the road. This means there will be no through vehicle access past the closure for the duration of the work. Pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained.

We'd like to assure residents and the wider community, that we've considered all traffic management scenarios with no other safe option than to close the road.

To ensure these works are completed without delay engineers will be working from 6am to 10pm seven days a week.

Please accept our apologies in advance for the inconvenience these urgent works will cause, our engineers will be doing all they can to minimise this where possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you'd like to get in touch with SGN about these works, you can speak to our Customer Service team on **0800 912 1700** who will direct your enquiry to a member of the project team for a response.





Where is the work taking place?

We are sorry about any inconvenience our work causes and would like to thank road users for their patience. This is a complex engineering project, however we always aim to minimise disruption whenever possible.

Key

Work area 
Diversion route 



The A350 will be closed to vehicles near its junction with the A354 at the Badger Roundabout, Blandford Forum.

There will be a signed diversion route for the duration of our works:

Southbound from Badger Roundabout: A354 westbound to Puddletown, join the A35 eastbound towards Bere Regis, join the A31 eastbound towards Sturminster Marshall, A350 North.

Northbound from Roundhouse Roundabout: A31 westbound to Bere Regis, join the A35 westbound towards Dorchester, at Puddletown join the A354 eastbound towards Blandford Forum.

Important information

Local bus routes will be on diversion – bus passengers should speak to their bus provider for more information about changes to bus routes, timetables and bus stop locations.

Access to properties within the closure will be managed and maintained by the team on site. Residents will be kept informed about these arrangements.

Bin collection – your service will remain unchanged unless otherwise advised by your service provider.

We appreciate how disruptive these works will be for the community and understand you will have many questions to ask – please see overleaf answers to questions you may have.



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