

## **Emergency Gas Main Replacement – A351 Valley Road, Harmans Cross**

Southern Gas Networks will be undertaking essential emergency works to replace a deteriorating medium pressure gas main along the **A351 Valley Road in Harmans Cross**. Emergency works will **commence on Tuesday 19 August 2025 and is expected to last for approximately 29 weeks**. This work is necessary due to a history of recurring gas leaks and the existing infrastructure has now reached the end of its operational life. SGN are no longer able to complete repairs, replacement is the only permanent solution to avoid further disruptive leaks in the future. Southern Gas Networks have issued the following press release...

### **Emergency gas main replacement**

#### **Temporary traffic lights on Valley Road, Harmans Cross**

We're writing to let you know about emergency gas main replacement work required on Valley Road in Harmans Cross. Work will commence on 19 August for a duration of approximately 29 weeks.

This replacement work is urgent to address ongoing gas leaks on the medium pressure gas main; there has been a significant number of gas escapes on this section of pipe, we are no longer able to carry out long term repairs, replacement is the only permanent solution to address further leakage and disruptive repairs in the future.

Emergency engineers are actively monitoring and managing current leaks, our specialist contractors I&G Contractors Limited have committed to start work immediately following the Purbeck Valley Folk Festival. The team will be working extended hours Monday to Saturday and Sundays where mandatory fatigue working hours allow.

Engineers will be replacing just over 2.5 kilometres of medium pressure gas main from the junction of Nursery Bridge Farm to the junction of Woodhyde Farm. They will be working within the northbound lane heading towards Corfe Castle.

Due to the size and age of the old gas main, we will need to install the new pipe using an open cut method. This will mean excavations and trenches along the road as we install the new pipe. Once we have completed a section, we will reinstate the road and move along the road.

Vehicle access to properties will be maintained throughout the programme of work.

### **Temporary Traffic Lights**

Due to the location of the work in the road and for everyone's safety, we will need to have temporary traffic lights around our work location. To help minimise disruption for road users we'll be using the latest auto green censored traffic lights when we have 2 Way Traffic Lights and Manual Control from 0700- 1900 when 3- and 4-way lights are in use at junctions. These will be closely monitored and adjusted if required.

### **Bus stops affected**

As we progress along the road, we may need to temporarily suspend bus stops, alternative temporary stops will be provided. For information about changes to bus stop locations, routes and timetables, we'd advise passengers to contact their service provider for the latest information. For information from Morebus Service Updates – Morebus; for information from First Bus News and service updates | First Bus

### **Service connections to properties – gas interruptions**

Properties with gas services along Valley Road will need to be connected to the new gas main once it has been installed. Our engineers will need access to properties to carry out the necessary work to reconnect you. We will need to temporarily isolate gas supplies while reconnection and safety checks are carried out. Those properties affected will receive further information about this and our team on site will liaise directly with you to make local access arrangements. We will not interrupt your gas supply without advance notice.

We understand how disruptive these works will be for the community and road users of Purbeck or Southeast Dorset especially during the summer months. Please can we assure you, the team will be doing everything they can to complete these works as quickly and as safely as possible.

For the latest updates on progress and answers to questions you may have, please visit our website <https://sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works>

If you need to speak to us about these works, please email our customer service team [customer@sgn.co.uk](mailto:customer@sgn.co.uk) or call us on 0800 912 1700, they will direct your enquiry to a member of the team for response.

We're sorry for the inconvenience these emergency works will cause and thank you for your patience and understanding.

**SGN Major Works South**