

30 April 2026

Dear neighbour,

West Winch – gas pipeline diversion

We are writing to inform you about upcoming work planned in the West Winch area and to explain National Gas's role in this activity. National Gas is the backbone of Britain's energy system. We transport gas across Great Britain, repair and maintain gas pipelines, and manage the meters that allow power stations, businesses and millions of homes to access the energy they need safely and reliably every day.

As part of wider local infrastructure activity in and around West Winch, National Gas is responsible for the safe diversion of two high-pressure National Transmission System gas pipelines. These pipelines are a critical part of the national gas network, and any work involving them is carefully planned and delivered in line with the highest safety and engineering standards.

Project planning and community engagement

We are working closely with our project partners, local authorities and other stakeholders to ensure the diversion work is carried out safely, efficiently and with consideration for those living and working nearby. A key priority for us is to minimise disruption wherever possible, while maintaining the continued safety and resilience of the gas network. We recognise that construction activity can sometimes raise questions or concerns. We are committed to keeping residents informed as plans develop and work progresses.

What to expect during the works

The early phase of our works will involve installation of two site compounds which will be used whilst we carry out our works on the two pipelines mentioned above. These compounds will be located off Chequers Lane and New Road. All reasonable measures will be taken to reduce disruption as far as possible.

The works are currently scheduled to begin on **5 May 2026**.

From early May onwards, you may notice an increase in project related traffic as our teams travel to and from site, particularly for the first few weeks whilst we set up our site compounds but should reduce slightly once we are established. We will carefully manage vehicle movements and coordinate site operations to minimise disruption to the local road network, in accordance with our traffic management plan. There may also be some intermittent noise and vibration during our works. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Our standard working hours will be 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, & 8am – 1pm on some Saturdays. Where possible, we will limit noisier activities to between 8am and 5pm. On occasion, essential work may need to take place outside these hours. If this is expected to be for an extended period, we will make every effort to provide advance notice.



Use of drones

As part of our works, you may notice a drone being flown on **Wednesday 6 May**. This will be used for survey and inspection purposes only and will be limited to the immediate work area. Drone operations will be carried out by trained and authorised operators in line with Civil Aviation Authority requirements.

Privacy considerations

We understand that residents may have concerns about privacy. We would like to reassure you that drone activity will **not capture images or video of private property, gardens, homes, or individuals**. Flight paths and camera angles will be carefully controlled to focus only on National Gas infrastructure and the defined work area.

No surveillance activity will take place. Any data collected will be handled securely and used only for project delivery purposes, in accordance with UK data protection legislation, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). Footage will not be shared outside the project team or retained for longer than necessary.

Community Grant Fund

As part of our commitment to the communities where we work, we encourage charities and community groups located within five miles of active project sites to apply to the National Gas Community Grant Fund. Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects delivering environmental, social or economic benefits to communities impacted by our construction works. You can check eligibility and apply at: www.nationalgas.com/responsibility/social, selecting 'Community Grant Fund: supporting local people'.

Keeping in touch

We have been engaging with North Runcton and West Winch Parish Councils to keep them informed about the project and will continue to provide updates as the works progress. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact us:

Email: box.wvgd@nationalgas.com

Post: Community, National Gas Transmission, National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA

Website: www.nationalgas.com/wvgd

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we carry out these essential works. We apologise for any inconvenience they may cause and appreciate the community's cooperation as we work to maintain a safe and reliable gas network.

Yours faithfully,

James Johnson

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