

**FAIRWAYS ESTATE
THAMESPOINT
SOUTHERN GAS - ESSENTIAL GAS WORKS**

Southern Gas will be returning to Thamespoint **in the first week of March 2011** to carry out the last phase of its essential works.

The process will involve a number of stages and three different Southern Gas teams:

- 1 The Mainlaying team will excavate and expose the existing gas main in the roadway, and make new connections in the ground to the new steel gas riser pipes going into each of the blocks. This will allow the supply of gas to pass into the buildings into the new risers installed in the previous phase of work. Once the new steel pipes have been tested and commissioned, the roadway excavations will be temporarily backfilled and left covered with steel road plates while the next three stages are carried out.
- 2 The Gas Fitter team will make an appointment with each resident to transfer/swap the existing gas meter to the new steel gas supply pipe. Access will be needed again to the gas meter cupboard where the new steel pipework was installed in the previous phase of work. Access is not required to the cupboard spaces below.
- 3 Once stage 2 has been completed, all gas appliances inside each flat will be checked and turned back on.
- 4 When all flats have a working new gas supply, the Mainlaying team will return and disconnect the existing and redundant pipework in the roadway, and will then back fill the excavations.
- 5 The Reinstatement team will carry out the final reinstatement and making good of the roadway, and on completion, will remove all temporary barriers, road plates and other equipment.

The work is planned to be carried out in continuous sequence, although stages 2 and 3 may start before stage 1 is fully complete.

It is **essential** that all residents provide access to both their gas meter cupboards and within their flats so that stages 2 and 3 can be carried out. Southern Gas anticipates that a very short period of about ½ hour will be sufficient for access inside the flat to turn gas appliances back on. If Southern Gas is not satisfied that stages 2 and 3 have been fully completed, it will not carry out stages 4 and 5 and the work will remain incomplete.

In total, Southern Gas advises that **the work will take one month**, but this is entirely dependant on access being made available for stages 2 and 3.

Accordingly, all residents are asked to **clear their gas meter cupboards by 1 March 2011** and, **during March, to cooperate with Southern Gas in the arrangement of and attendance at the short appointment for the gas appliance check inside their flats.**

If residents expect to be unavailable or abroad during this period, they are requested to make the appropriate arrangements with others for access.

Access at the entrances may be restricted while roadway works are carried out.

Thank you again in advance for your patience and co-operation. Everyone realises how protracted and taxing this process has been, but it certainly appears that this will be the concluding period.