

4th January 2019

Gas Works on Augustus Road

Towards the end of 2018, major gas works to replace some of the ageing cast iron supply pipes with modern plastic ones took place around the crossroads at the bottom of the hill. Those works are now moving up Augustus Road and are due to begin on Monday 7th January, i.e. next week. There is very little information available about the works involved but [Court in the Act](#) has been able to establish the following:

Advanced Warning

Gas works taking place on Augustus Road for the next 8-10 weeks.

1. Work begins on Monday 7th January and is expected to last between 8-10 weeks. It will be in two phases – (1) between the crossroads and Albert Drive, and (2) between Albert Drive and Beaumont Drive – each expected to last 4-5 weeks, subject to any engineering issues encountered during the works. No mention is made of anything beyond Beaumont Drive yet.
2. The gas mains supply is owned by SGN but the sub-contractor for this work will be Forefront Utilities.
3. Throughout the works, eastbound traffic down the hill to the crossroads will continue to flow. However, it is highly likely that no westbound traffic up the hill will be permitted, i.e. Augustus Road will be one-way only – this is subject to confirmation as the information from SGN and Forefront differs slightly between the two. The scant details available only refer to preventing traffic from Wimbledon Park Road from entering Augustus Road. There is no specific mention about entries from Sutherland Grove or Albert Drive, for example. It is suspected, however, that the same restrictions will apply in these cases as well.
4. Forefront Utilities has indicated that the 493 bus downhill will continue to operate but that the uphill service will be diverted from Wimbledon up Victoria Drive, rejoining its usual route at Southmead Primary School, as was the case last year. In other words it will not go past Augustus Court.
5. It is probable that the downhill service may continue to operate during Phase 1 but will be rerouted via Victoria Drive during Phase 2 and not use the downhill bus stop outside Augustus Court. Both items 4 & 5 are subject to confirmation from Transport for London.
6. The impact on vehicular access into and out of Augustus Court during Phase 2 has yet to be determined.