

# Two minutes with Phoenix Network Operations Manager, David Sloan

**We understand there is due to be construction work ongoing in the Ards and North Down area. Why do Phoenix need to carry out this work now?**

Phoenix Natural Gas owns and operates the gas network in the Greater Belfast and East Down areas. It is our job to ensure the secure supply of gas to homes and businesses across our licensed network area. The reinforcement work which is due to begin on the Bangor Dual Carriageway, 20th March is very important; it will ensure the gas supply continues to serve our 24,000 customers in Bangor and the surrounding area now and into the future.

**What does the work involve?**

Phoenix will be reinforcing the network with an additional pipeline that meets the growing demand for gas in the Bangor area. The work will involve a traffic management system and will include lane closures and the occasional need for road closures at junctions along the route. The road closures will not affect the main dual carriageway.

**How will you make sure disruption is kept to a minimum?**

We appreciate this work is likely to inconvenience some local commutes; therefore, we endeavour to carry out the work as efficiently as possible. One of the ways we can lessen our impact on customers is by carrying out the work in small sections, so



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that implementation of traffic control measures is only necessary in one section of the road at a time. The planned construction work has involved detailed consultation with the Department of Infrastructure and subsequent communication with local businesses and elected representatives. **To view a map showing 'Area of Works' with proposed dates for each section of work, please visit [www.phoenixnaturalgas.com/bangorreinforcement](http://www.phoenixnaturalgas.com/bangorreinforcement)**