

In the pipeline

Gas to the West news



A major energy infrastructure project to extend the benefits of natural gas to Coalisland, Cookstown, Derrylin, Dungannon, Enniskillen, Magherafelt, Omagh and Strabane.

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Hello



Welcome to the first edition of the Gas to the West project newsletter. Gas to the West is an exciting project that will deliver the benefits of natural gas to homes and businesses in the west of Northern Ireland. Project partners Mutual Energy Limited (MEL) and SGN Natural Gas are looking forward to working with all of our stakeholders over the coming months and years as we make this significant investment in Northern Ireland's energy infrastructure. This newsletter will be used to provide milestone updates, project information and news of future events. We hope you all find it informative.

Thanks,

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Gas to the West launched by Minister



John Lobban, SGN; Jenny Pyper, Utility Regulator; then Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Investment, Arlene Foster, MLA and Paddy Larkin, Mutual Energy Limited at the Gas to the West launch

Following an open competition process Mutual Energy Limited and SGN were delighted to be awarded licences by the Utility Regulator for Northern Ireland to build and operate the high pressure and low pressure gas pipelines which will extend the natural gas network into the west of Northern Ireland.

The Gas to the West project was formally launched at an event in Enniskillen on 4 March 2015 marking a major milestone in the project. Then Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Investment, Arlene Foster, MLA was the guest of honour at the launch, which was also attended by other local elected representatives, council officers, and representatives of businesses in the area, as well as the local media.

Routing the way

The map shows the emerging route corridor for the high pressure (transmission) pipelines (HP, shown in red) and the intermediate pressure (distribution) pipelines (IP, shown in green) which will bring gas to homes and businesses. This route will be refined further as a result of ongoing environmental impact assessment work and consultation with the local community. The towns to receive gas are:

- Dungannon and Coalisland
- Cookstown and Magherafelt
- Enniskillen and Derrylin
- Omagh
- Strabane



Key

- Existing gas transmission system
- Potential Gas to the West HP system
- Potential Gas to the West IP system
- Strabane connection

In **Londonderry** and **Portadown** we'll be connecting to the existing gas transmission system

The story so far...

Key project milestones

- Aug 14 Mutual Energy and SGN nominated as preferred applicants
- Feb 15 High pressure and low pressure licences jointly awarded to Mutual Energy and SGN
- Feb 15 RPS Group appointed as environmental consultants to the project
- Mar 15 Work begins on environmental surveys
- Sep 15 Phase 1 pre-planning public information events
- Mar 16 Phase 2 pre-planning public information events
- May 16 Planning application submitted
- Oct 16 First gas available to customers in Strabane
- Jan 17 High pressure pipeline construction begins

Appointment of contractors

Dalcour MacLaren has been appointed as land agents for the Gas to the West project and have been engaging with landowners who may be affected by the pipeline route since early 2015. To date we have identified in the region of 550 potential land parcels and would like to thank land owners for their cooperation.

• Strabane works

The project partners are hoping to appoint a contractor in the coming weeks to start work on the Maydown to Strabane pipeline in the autumn.

• Pre-Application Community Consultation

We're committed to extensive community and public consultation as part of the Gas to the West project and have appointed RPS as environmental consultants. As a strategically important project, Gas to the West is subject to a 12 month environmental impact assessment period, which RPS will deliver. RPS has begun environmental surveys of the affected land parcels and this will continue until February 2016. This work will be key in informing the final route corridor, as will input from our stakeholders.

Meeting stakeholders

RPS will also be undertaking a Pre-Application Community Consultation exercise as required by Section 27 of the Planning Act which seeks to establish views and opinions of the community to inform the route selection, design and environmental assessment of the pipelines, their related above ground installations and the associated planning application. We look forward to hearing the views of stakeholders as we work to finalise the pipeline routes.

In addition to this formal community consultation, we have also been engaged in a series of meetings with key project stakeholders including local elected representatives, local councils, other government departments and agencies and representative bodies since the outset of the project. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has met with us for their time and interest and we look forward to keeping you informed as the project develops.

Coming soon...

- Strabane contractor appointment
- Construction start date for Strabane
- Code of Practice and Landowners Pack

Information events

As part of the Pre-Application Community Consultation, we will be holding a series of public information events so that you can meet our team and access more information on the project if required.

In addition to manned public information events, we will also have a series of information boards in various locations around the vicinity of the pipeline route.

Details of where and when these can be accessed can be found on our website gastothewest.com

For more information on Gas to the West



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