

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.



Welcome to edition number 7 of our Gas to the West newsletter where we're able to tell you the latest news about our exciting £250 million infrastructural investment in the west of Northern Ireland. We have reached a really important juncture – obtaining full planning permission – and we're now ready to start the construction phase of the project. We're very grateful to everyone involved in helping us get planning right – from the planners in the department of Infrastructure through to all the other statutory bodies and stakeholders as well as public representatives and all those who participated in our extensive public consultation process.

We have already completed the first part of the Gas to the West infrastructure, the line from Derry/Londonderry to Strabane, signing up our first major customer (LacPatrick dairy) along the way. The distribution network is being built out around Strabane and it should not be long before we bring the benefits of natural gas to the first domestic customers ever in the West of the province.

The Strabane work has gone really smoothly and we are determined to ensure that the build out of the rest of Gas to the West network is every bit as well managed and delivered. Now its time to get to work!

Kind regards

Paddy Larkin
Chief Executive
Mutual Energy

Danny O'Malley
Director
SGN Natural Gas

Gas to the West – the Project

GttW brings the benefits of natural gas to an estimated 40,000 new domestic, commercial and industrial customers. The project involves an investment of £250 million and will comprise an 80 kilometre high pressure (HP) pipeline connecting to the existing network near Portadown, and running through parts of county Tyrone and Fermanagh to a point West of Clogher. Several Intermediate Pressure (IP) pipelines (totalling around 110 kilometres in length) will connect to the HP line to serve the following towns:-

- (1) Dungannon and Coalisland, Cookstown and Magherafelt
- (2) Omagh, and
- (3) Enniskillen and Derrylin

Separately, although very much part of Gas to the West, a 30km IP pipeline connecting the Strabane area with the existing system at Derry/Londonderry has already been constructed.



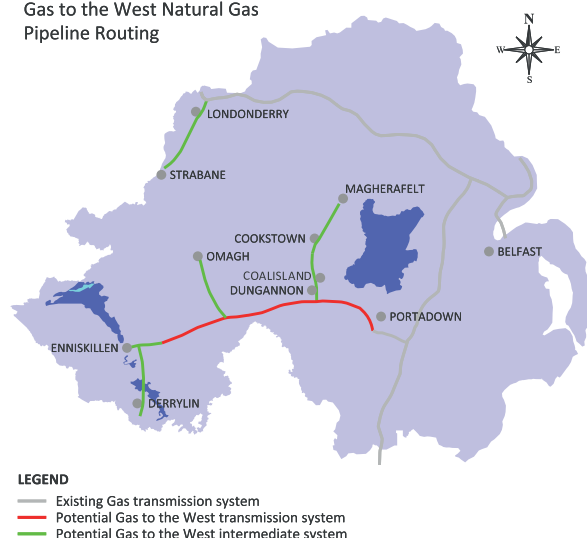
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'Green Light' on planning for Gas-to-the-West Project

Gas to the West Natural Gas Pipeline Routing



SGN Natural Gas and Mutual Energy's 'Gas to the West' project has just secured planning approval and is now ready to move from the pre-planning phase to the full construction phase. This is a massively important milestone for the project and creates much more certainty about the project being delivered against the timetable envisaged by project partners SGN Natural Gas and Mutual Energy.

SGN Natural Gas Director Danny O'Malley said,

"This is excellent news. We are delighted to have obtained planning permission for Gas to the West. We now look forward to making a £250 million investment and transforming the energy options available to many thousands of households and businesses in the West of Northern Ireland in the years ahead"

Project partner Mutual Energy CEO Paddy Larkin also emphasised the significance of obtaining the green light on planning. He said

"The fact that such a complex project made its way through the planning system in 5 months is testament to the good work that went in prior to submission of the full application. This includes the thoroughness of our public consultation and our pre-application discussions with stakeholders. I would like to congratulate everyone involved in getting our project to this important stage"

Opportunities Ahead

The GttW project now moves to the full construction phase. The contracts awarded should create many new jobs and procurement opportunities in the local supply chain.

SGN employees who have excelled in their roles

SGN employees who have excelled in their roles this year were recognised at the gas network company's Outstanding People Awards, held recently at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow.

The Team Achievement award went to SGN's Gas to the West/SGN Natural Gas teams for their work on a major infrastructure to extend the gas network to the west of Northern Ireland. Stakeholder Engagement Support Manager, Margaret Hamilton, who nominated them, said: "Their carefully planned and effective approach, together with a 'can do' attitude from every member of the team, succeeded in delivering gas to the first customer in Northern Ireland in a safe, efficient and cost-effective manner'."

Now in their fifth year, SGN's Outstanding People Awards recognise exceptional performance and dedication among its employees. This year, over 500 nominations were



l – r Back row – Kevin MacDonald, Joel Martin, Nancy Law, Margaret Hamilton, Oonagh McCann, David Butler

l – r front row – Darren Young, Danny O'Malley, Mark Davidson

received from colleagues across Scotland and southern England. These were whittled down to a shortlist of 24 finalists made up of both teams and individuals, from which judges had the tough job of choosing the award winners.

New Chairman appointed to SGN Natural Gas



SGN Natural Gas is pleased to announce that Mark Ennis has become its part-time Chairman from 1 March 2017.

Commenting on the appointment John Lobban MD, Scotland & NI said: "I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mark who's been a senior figure on the Northern Ireland energy scene for many years. He brings with him considerable experience and strategic knowledge of both the

political and regulatory regimes as well as being a highly respected member of local business forums."

John added: "We've built, and continue to build, a strong team of people led by Danny O'Malley, our Director of SGN Natural Gas, to deliver our £250m infrastructure project. Mark is joining Danny and the team at an exciting time as we start to complete vital connections such as the Strabane leg to our newest gas network, delivering natural gas to areas of the country for the first time."

Mark Ennis commented: "I'm delighted to be a part of the SGN Natural Gas team here in Northern Ireland and very much looking forward to working with them and contributing to what is fast becoming a major success story, not just for the people and businesses of Northern Ireland, but for the UK's energy industry as a whole."



SGN Natural Gas launch new website

SGN Natural Gas launched its new website in May 2017. Customers will find a very user friendly and easy to navigate site. Going forward a postcode look up will be added so customers can check gas availability in their area, and a supplier portal which will enable site works to be raised online.

Please visit www.sgnnaturalgas.co.uk

SGN Natural Gas support Summer Jamm in Strabane



Pictured at the launch of Strabane Summer Jamm 2017 is the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane, Alderman Hilary McClintock with Jamie Bonner, musician with 'Nineteen Eighty Something', Michael Kelly of the Strabane Business Improvement District (BIDS), Jamie Cunningham, Key Account Manager at SGN Natural Gas, Trevor Mealiff, Business Improvement District.

SGN Natural Gas were delighted to be the main sponsor of Strabane Summer Jamm which took place from the 9-11 June 2017. Darren Young, Head of Business Development at SGN Natural Gas said: "As we prepare to connect our first domestic customers in Strabane to the new gas network this summer, we were thrilled to be supporting this event. The Strabane Summer Jamm has grown from strength to strength in recent years to become the premier outdoor festival for the town and district. Our whole team really enjoyed taking part in this hugely popular event."

The Summer Jamm festival began with the Three Rivers playing in the Alley Theatre on Friday 9 June. Saturday saw family fun activities and music around every corner. Country came to town on Sunday 11 June when the Canal Basin hosted a family country fest with David James, Cliona Hagan and Johnny Brady all performing.



Dominic Scullion, SHE Manager (Safety, Health, Environment), SGN Natural Gas pictured with pupils from St Mary's Primary School Strabane.

of an exciting roadshow by SGN Natural Gas which is currently in the process of bringing mains gas to homes in the Co. Tyrone town.

The company visited St Mary's PS, St Catherine's PS and GaelscoilUiDhochartaigh as the first in a series of roadshows SGN Natural Gas will undertake throughout the community coinciding with the 'Gas to the West' project roll-out in Strabane. Dominic Scullion, SHE Manager (Safety, Health, Environment), SGN Natural Gas, delivered the schools' presentation aimed at educating the children about gas safety in general and the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO). He also explained where gas comes from, how it gets into our homes, what to do if you smell gas, and staying safe near sites and equipment.

Dominic said he was delighted with the feedback from the local schools and was particularly impressed with the enthusiasm of the pupils during the presentation which is aimed at P5-P7s.

He added: "Staying safe near our sites and equipment is the most important message that we are trying to convey as we are currently constructing the network in Strabane and schools are coming up to the summer holidays. This is only the first in a series of roadshows SGN Natural Gas will undertake throughout the community and we look forward to announcing further details in the very near future."

Strabane work moving ahead

We continue to make good progress in the Gas to the West operations in Strabane. The final leg of the Maydown to Strabane intermediate pressure pipeline from Artigarvan to the inlet of the DPG and Woodend Road in Strabane has been completed. This is an important project milestone and brings forward the availability of natural gas in the town of Strabane.



SGN Natural Gas Strabane Lifford half marathon a huge success

SGN Natural Gas introduced themselves to the people of Strabane in spectacular fashion at this year's Strabane Lifford Half Marathon. The fourth annual Half Marathon and 5K Leisure Run/Walk took place on Sunday 14th May.

Runners and spectators turned out in their thousands on the day as Derry City and Strabane District Council, in conjunction with Lifford Strabane AC and sponsored by SGN Natural Gas hosted another successful race.

The combined total of runners between the two races surpassed the 1,500 mark, cementing the event's reputation as one of the biggest and most popular races on the local athletics calendar.

Festival and Events Officer at Derry City and Strabane District Council, Liz Cunningham, thanked everyone who took part in the race which was being hosted for a fourth successive year.

"Congratulations to all the runners, no matter what your level, running in a half marathon is a significant achievement and everyone can feel justifiably proud of their efforts," she said, "We were delighted that our decision to expand the field for this year's race was backed by the public who registered early for the race and in such large numbers."

"Thanks to Lifford Strabane Athletics Club, without their expertise this event wouldn't be possible and best wishes to all the runners in pursuing their future fitness goals".

"A big thank you also to our main sponsors SGN Natural Gas, the company responsible for the Gas to the West development, who have also committed to sponsor next year's event."