

GreenWay construction notice

Taverners Hill light rail station, Lewisham
Removal of water from inactive gas main

Monday 16 June to late July

The GreenWay is a major pedestrian, cycling, and biodiversity corridor linking the Cooks River at Earlwood with the Parramatta River at Iron Cove.

As part of the GreenWay construction, an inactive and redundant gas main near Taverners Hill light rail station in Lewisham will undergo water drainage works.

The gas main pipe is not in use and no gas is present. This has been confirmed by external gas provider, Jemena, following recent testing at the site.

Where will the works take place?

At the inactive gas main under the Battle Bridge over Parramatta Road, near the Taverners Hill light station.

A pump system has been set up outside the light rail station to remove the water found inside the gas main.

What type of work is being done?

Council's GreenWay contractor Gartner Rose will pump all water out of the inactive gas main before removing the gas pipe. These works will allow for the development of the Parramatta Road underpass, which is part of the GreenWay missing links shared pathway.

Gas-like odours may be noticed during water pumping hours. This smell is caused by an additional product that is present in all gas pipes.

What will be done to minimise inconvenience to me?

Odours

Local residents may experience a 'gas smell' while water pumping works are underway. This smell is caused by a product that is routinely added to the otherwise odourless natural gas, in all gas pipes in Australia. Unfortunately, the smell of this additive cannot be neutralised.

The gas supplier, Jemena, has confirmed to the contractor that there is no gas present in this inactive gas pipe. Regardless, specialised air monitoring will continue while these works are underway to ensure that there are no safety concerns for the public.

Noise

To help mitigate any potential noise associated with these works, the pump will only run during construction hours. The surrounding traffic noise will assist with cancelling out the noise of the pump.

Environmental management plan

The contractor will undertake mitigation measures in accordance with their Construction Environmental Management Plan to reduce dust, and debris associated with these works.

When will these works take place?

Specialised odour testing will occur prior to works commencing. This first round of odour testing will take place on Monday 16 June 2025.

Following this testing, works are expected to commence from Tuesday 17 June 2025. Works are anticipated to take six weeks to complete (pending water volume).

Water pumping hours: 7am – 5pm, Monday to Friday

Updates and enquiries

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