Milton Road Gas Works – Road Closure FAQs

What’s happening?
The gas company SGN is replacing gas pipes around Milton Road East. The work involves replacing old metal gas pipes with new plastic pipes.

While the work is carried out, Milton Road East outside the college will be closed between Sir Harry Lauder Road/Milton Link and the college entrance to all traffic – including cars and buses – travelling east. In other words, traffic coming towards the college from the direction of town will not be able to reach the entrance of the college.

Traffic heading from Musselburgh will not be affected. Please read this leaflet from SGN about their plans.

How long will it be going on for?
The work will begin on 9 January 2017 and could last for 15 weeks, up to the end of March 2017. This means that your journey will be affected on the first day of the January term.

Why is this happening now?
The timing of the work has been agreed between SGN and the City of Edinburgh Council, and is outwith our control.

Will I still be able to get to college?
Yes, and we will do all we can to support you. You’ll find all the information you need to plan your journey on our website and we’ll keep you updated throughout the work.

How will it affect my journey?

Travelling by car
As traffic will be unable to travel east from the city and /or the west onto Milton Road East, it will not be possible to reach the college entrance by car travelling from this direction. The car park will, however, remain open as you can access the college from the east and/or Joppa. To reach it, a signposted diversion will be in place following a route that goes south then east towards Musselburgh. The diversion will come back to the college entrance from the opposite side to the closure. Alternatively, you can travel down Joppa Road and make your way to Milton Road via Coillesdene Drive and Coillesdene Crescent.

The full route of the diversion is in SGN’s leaflet.

Travelling by public transport
If you’re taking an eastbound bus (the 5, 44 and 113 routes), the route will be diverted as it will not be able to travel east from the city and/or west down Milton Road East. You will need to get off at the bus stop at Christian Crescent and walk from there.

We know that walking further than you have to at the moment could be a problem for some students so we are looking at how we can provide extra support. If you think this will be an issue for you, please get in touch with our Student Support team at each campus or email courseinfo@edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

Buses heading west along Milton Road East will not be affected.

Rail travel will not be affected as you will still be able to disembark from the train at Brunstane and walk as you normally would to the college.
Can I park anywhere else?
The Range store at Milton Link has agreed to allow students and staff to use its car park – the one nearest the DFS furniture store. This will require a short walk (roughly 10 minutes) to the college using the pedestrian bridge at Brunstane Station to access Brunstane Road South, then straight along onto Milton Road East to the college.

What will happen if the work takes longer than expected?
We have been advised by SGN that they will complete the work within 15 weeks. We will be in close contact with the company throughout so will know as soon as possible if it is likely to take longer than expected. If this happens, we will review how students and staff have found the travel arrangements and take further action if needed. We can’t say at the moment if this is a likely scenario or what we may need to do if this happens, but we will make sure you are kept up to date with progress.

What if I have mobility issues and the extra walking distance is a problem?
We’re looking at any extra support we can provide and will send updates with more information. Please contact the Student Support team at your campus to discuss the relevant support.

What if I have questions that aren’t answered here?
Please speak to the Student Support team at your campus. Or email courseinfo@edinburghcollege.ac.uk and if you’re getting in touch over the festive break they’ll reply as soon as the college reopens for the new term.