



# Summer Maintenance Plan Draft Version

April 2021 – March 2024

31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

**nationalgrid**

# Contents

	<b>Page</b>
1. Introduction	2
2. NTS Maintenance Work Monthly Summary	3
3. ASEP Capability	9
4. Maintenance affected exit points	10

# 1. Introduction

Each year National Grid undertakes a variety of maintenance and investment activities on the gas National Transmission System (NTS). This work can take many different forms, including keeping our assets in good working order, replacing ageing assets with new equipment, inspecting assets and facilitating new connections and capacity requirements.

This maintenance programme is intended to provide an indication to the gas industry of the impact of these works on the NTS, and any associated impact on entry or exit capacity from April 2021 to March 2024. This programme supersedes all previous plans.

This document provides an overview of all work scheduled at NTS compressor stations and NTS pipelines. Where this work affects the capability at an Aggregate System Entry Point (ASEP), an indication of the revised ASEP's minimum daily capability is included for each month.

Although every effort is made to align work to any customer or associated asset outages which we have been made aware of, this is not always possible and where NTS Exit Points are affected, we will endeavour to issue Maintenance Day notices to our customers by 1<sup>st</sup> February and any revisions at least 42 days in advance of the scheduled Maintenance work.

This document only includes maintenance activities on the NTS which are to be undertaken by National Grid NTS. It does not include maintenance carried out upstream of the NTS by Delivery Facility Operators (DFOs) and Producers or downstream of the NTS by the Distribution Networks and other NTS connected parties.

## 2. NTS Maintenance Work Monthly Summary

The following tables provide a summary of the NTS in line inspection work, other NTS pipeline work and NTS compressor outages. The month where the work is scheduled to take place has been high lighted in the tables. If it is the case that any work listed below has an effect on the flow of gas, affected sites and associated shippers will be contacted individually. The tables indicate which month the work takes place in, not that the work will take the whole of the month.

### 2.1 Planned In-Line Inspections

National Grid is required to carry out in-line inspections of our pipelines periodically in order to monitor and maintain their integrity, ensuring that they comply with the Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (PSSR). The in-line inspection process requires a number of Pipeline Inspection Gauges (PIGs) to travel through the pipeline in order to complete a full inspection. The number of “runs”, and the associated time taken for the work, can vary from pipeline to pipeline.

 = Confirmed period       = Provisional period

Area	In Line Inspections	2021								2022				2023				2024
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	
SW	Feeder 14 Ilchester to Barrington																	
EA	Feeder 02 Peterborough to Eye																	
NT	Feeder 05 River Thames Crossing (East)																	
NT	Feeder 05 River Thames Crossing (West)																	
SW	Feeder 07 Barton Stacey to Mappowder																	
SO	Feeder 07 Michelmersh to Braishfield																	
NO	Feeder 15 Longtown to Plumpton																	
NW	Feeder 04 Warburton to Audley																	
EA	Feeder 17 Theddlethorpe to Hatton																	
SC	Feeder 10 St Fergus to Aberdeen																	

NE	Feeder 13 Cowpen Bewley to Yafforth	█																	
NE	Feeder 07 Susworth to Cawood				█														
NW	Feeder 13 Corbridge to Bishop Auckland						█												
NT	Feeder 05 Gravesend Thames to Tatsfield	█																	
NW	Feeder 04 Warburton o Partington						█												
EA	Feeder 02 Bacton to Wisbech Nene West						█												
WS	Feeder 28 Herbrandston to Felindre								█										
WS	Feeder 28 Felibre to Cilfrew								█										
WS	Feeder 28 Felindre to Three Cocks								█										
NE	Feeder 29 Pannal to Asselby				█														
EA	Feeder 22 Peterborough to Hatton	█																	
EA	Feeder 09 Paul to Hatton			█															
EA	Feeder 03 Bacton to Roudham Heath						█												
NW	Feeder 12 Longtown to Bishop Auckland						█												
NW	Feeder 11 Samlesbury to Blackrod						█												
SC	Feeder 10 Bathgate to Kirriemuir								█										
NE	Feeder 07 Pannal to Cawood		█																

NE	Feeder 06 Burton Agnes to Pickering																		
NO	Feeder 10 Thrunton to Saltwick																		
NW	Feeder 04 Shocklach to Weston Point																		
NW	Feeder 16 Pennington to Sellafield																		
NO	Feeder 13 Corbridge to Bishop Auckland																		
SO	Feeder 09 Steppingley to East Ilsley																		
NW	Feeder 21 Audley to Alrewas																		
SC	Feeder 10 Aberdeen to Kirriemuir																		
SC	Feeder 10 Bathgate to Penicuik																		
NO	Feeder 06 Teesside to Cowpen Bewley																		
SC	Feeder 12 Aberdeen to Kirriemuir																		
SC	Feeder 10 Bathgate to Glenmavis																		
EA	Feeder 22 Goxhill to Hatton																		
NE	Feeder 29 Pannal to Nether Kellet																		
NT	Feeder 03 Whitwell to Peters Green																		
EA	Feeder 03 Gt Wilbraham to Whitwell																		
NT	Feeder 05 Braintree to Horndon																		
SC	Feeder 10 Coldstream to Thrunton																		

NW	Feeder 25 Bridge Farm to Mickle Trafford																	
NO	Feeder 10 Thrunton to Saltwick																	
SE	Feeder 18 Shorne to Farningham																	
WS	Feeder 02 Treaddow to Dowlais																	

## 2.2 Pipeline Work

Pipeline work listed in this table below can include diversions of existing pipelines, facilitation of connections to the NTS, and replacement or maintenance of pipeline and associated assets (pipes, valves, pig traps etc.) which require some form of pressure restriction or isolation. Some work can be performed by restricting the pressure of gas in the pipeline; however some work requires a full shut down (often termed “isolation” or “outage”) of a section of the pipeline which would then be reinstated back to operational pressures once the work is completed. The 2023 and 2024 pipeline works are yet to be fully planned.

 = Pressure Restriction

 = Pipeline Shutdown

 = Provisional period

Area	Pipeline	2021								2022				2023				2024
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	
EM	Feeder 24 Hatton to Silk Willoughby																	
SC	Feeder 11 Moffat to Longtown																	
WM	Feeder 14 Leamington to Stratford																	
SC	St Fergus to Pettymuick																	
SW	Feeder 14 Sapperton to Easton Grey																	
SC	Feeder 11 Moffat to Elvanfoot																	
EA	Feeder 18 St Neots to Little Barford																	
EM	Feeder 09 Brocklesby to Stallingborough																	
SC	Feeder 12 Abernyte to Rhynd																	

SC	Feeder 11 Bathgate to Elvanfoot																	
WM	Feeder 14 Rugby to Churchover																	
SC	Feeder 12 Moffat to Longtown																	
WM	Feeder 02 Wormington to Frankton																	
NE	Feeder 07 Towton to Cawood																	
SC	Feeder 12 Drum to Blackness																	
SC	Feeder 12 Bathgate to Elvanfoot																	
NW	Feeder 21 Audley to Alrewas																	
NW	Feeder 04 Audley to Shocklach																	
NW	Feeder 04 Audley to Alrewas																	
SE	Lower Thames Crossing																	

Please note: where a pipeline is required to be shut down the specific isolation points may differ from those displayed above. Any parties impacted by the works are contacted directly.



## 2.3 NTS Compressor Stations

Compressors are used to help move gas around the NTS to where it is needed, maintaining pressures required at exit points whilst avoiding over-pressurising pipelines. In order to maintain our capability at Compressor Stations, routine maintenance is performed as well as a variety of other projects to maintain and improve the fleet.

= Confirmed period       = Provisional period

Compressor Station Outages	2021							2022				2023				2024
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Aberdeen	Confirmed								Provisional				Provisional			
Alrewas				Confirmed					Provisional				Provisional			
Avonbridge 1				Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed		Provisional				Provisional			
Avonbridge 2				Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed			Provisional				Provisional		
Aylesbury									Provisional	Provisional			Provisional	Provisional		
Bishop Auckland	Confirmed	Confirmed								Provisional				Provisional		
Carnforth	Confirmed	Confirmed							Provisional				Provisional			
Cambridge									Provisional				Provisional			
Chelmsford	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed				Provisional				Provisional		
Churchover						Confirmed			Provisional				Provisional			
Diss	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed			Provisional				Provisional			
Felindre									Provisional				Provisional			
Hatton				Confirmed					Provisional				Provisional			
Huntingdon									Provisional	Provisional			Provisional	Provisional		
Kings Lynn			Provisional						Provisional				Provisional			
Kirriemuir		Confirmed	Confirmed							Provisional				Provisional		
Lockerley				Confirmed						Provisional				Provisional		
Moffat	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed			Provisional				Provisional			
Nether Kellet				Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed			Provisional				Provisional		
Peterborough	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed		Provisional	Provisional			Provisional	Provisional		
Warrington	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed		Provisional				Provisional			
Wisbech									Provisional				Provisional			
Wooler			Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed			Provisional				Provisional			
Wormington										Provisional				Provisional		

### 3. ASEP Capability

The table below shows an indicative flow capability for each Aggregate System Entry Point (ASEP), taking into account the effect of the draft maintenance programme. The volumes are displayed month by month and are based on appropriate seasonal normal conditions.

In generating the ASEP capabilities, no account has been taken of any supply side (Delivery Facility) maintenance outages.

The values represent the ASEP’s daily capability for each month, based on Seasonal Normal Demand conditions and for the period in the month where scheduled maintenance has most impact on capability. The analysis performed to produce the figures uses the assumption that a supply at a particular ASEP is favoured over other ASEPs. For example, in producing capability figures for St Fergus, it would be assumed that St Fergus ASEP would be flowing at its maximum for the season and the rest of the NTS supply was spread over other ASEPs.

Where “no impact” has been stated, this indicates that the maintenance scheduled is expected to have no adverse effect on the ASEP capability.

The capability volumes shown for the individual ASEPs are indicative only, but do represent a consistent operational view.

On any given day, the amount of capability that may be available at any ASEP will depend upon the level and distribution of the demand and the level of supplies at other terminals. In cases where scheduled maintenance has an adverse effect on an ASEP’s capability, National Grid may be able to make additional capability available at other ASEPs.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
<b>St Fergus</b>	105 (1155)	105 (1155)	105 (1155)	80 (880)	80 (880)	83 (913)	No impact
<b>Teesside</b>	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No impact
<b>Barrow</b>	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No impact
<b>Easington</b>	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No impact
<b>Theddlethorpe</b>	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No Impact	No impact
<b>Bacton</b> <small>(including IUK)</small>	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact	No impact
<b>Isle of Grain</b>	57 (684)	51 (561)	51 (561)	53 (583)	52 (572)	56 (616)	No impact
<b>Milford Haven</b>	No Impact	63 (693)	No Impact	55 (605)	48 (528)	57 (684)	No impact

Values in millions of cubic metres & (GWh)

(Conversion from millions of cubic metres to GWh using Calorific Value of 39.6 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>)

## 4. Maintenance Affected Exit Points

We aim to minimise the impact of our maintenance on customers through transparency, aligning our work with their outages as appropriate and facilitating customer needs for flexibility.

### **Outages**

Each year we ask when our customers' outages are to enable alignment of works. If your outages move, please get in touch as early as possible so that we can consider whether we can also realign our works to reduce any impact of these works. Please contact us to advise of any change to outage periods via email at [NTSuccessplanning@nationalgrid.com](mailto:NTSuccessplanning@nationalgrid.com).

Where possible, work is co-ordinated with the end user to avoid supply disruption, however in certain circumstances it may be necessary to schedule work at a time which may require disrupting the supply to an Exit Point whilst the NTS maintenance is undertaken.

Shippers, End-Users and Distribution Networks will be advised, in accordance with the Uniform Network Code (UNC) requirements and timescales, of any required disruptions to supply at an Exit Point by the issuing of a Maintenance Day(s) to the relevant party.

Maintenance Day notifications will be issued by February 1<sup>st</sup> each year to all relevant parties where our maintenance will impact gas flows for the period April to October. Where work is aligned to customer outages, or there is no anticipated impact, we will issue an Advice notice for your convenience to confirm these arrangements. Should any changes or additions to the requested Maintenance Days be required, all relevant parties will be notified in line with the timescales detailed in the UNC.

### **Minor Works Agreement**

We recognise that sometimes standard maintenance approaches may not be optimal for our customers. Where this is the case the Minor Works Agreement can enable parties to agree different maintenance approaches through a bilateral contract with directly connected customers. Customers can pay the incremental costs of working flexibly outside normal working practices where we are able to accommodate these requests. For any questions relating to Minor Works Agreements, please contact the Business and Operations Planning Team on 01926 655625 or email via [box.SCM.GTO@nationalgrid.com](mailto:box.SCM.GTO@nationalgrid.com).

## **General Queries**

Further information on the maintenance activities undertaken by us is available on our website<sup>1</sup>.

If you have any queries or questions regarding the information contained within this document, please contact:

NTS Access Planning Team  
National Grid  
Gas System Operation  
National Grid House  
Gallows Hill  
Warwick  
CV34 6DA  
[NTSuccessplanning@nationalgrid.com](mailto:NTSuccessplanning@nationalgrid.com)  
Tel: 01926 655958

We would welcome any feedback from you in relation to the maintenance programme or the way in which this information is provided. If you would like to provide feedback please contact us via email at:  
[NTSuccessplanning@nationalgrid.com](mailto:NTSuccessplanning@nationalgrid.com)

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nationalgridgas.com/data-and-operations/maintenance>

National Grid plc  
National Grid House,  
Warwick Technology Park,  
Gallow's Hill, Warwick.  
CV34 6DA United Kingdom  
Registered in England and Wales  
No. 4031152

[nationalgrid.com](http://nationalgrid.com)