

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
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Steve Fraser
Chief Executive Officer
Cadent Gas Ltd
By email

12 June 2025

Dear Steve,

Cadent Gas works on Hills Road, Cambridge

I am writing about planned works by Cadent on Hills Road in Cambridge. This is a key route into the city used by thousands of vehicles every day. It is also the main public access road for two major regional acute hospitals, Addenbrooke's and Royal Papworth.

Cadent will commence works to replace gas pipes along Hills Road (and adjoining Station Road) on 23rd June. These are estimated to take around 11 months to complete. Yesterday I met with local bus operators who are deeply concerned about the impact this project will have on the reliability and punctuality of their services, with up to 2 million passenger journeys negatively affected over a period of nearly a year. This will include a significant number of NHS staff who use Hills Rd on their daily commute to the hospitals. Quite simply, if they can't get to work on time, operations and other essential medical treatments will be at risk of cancellation and delay.

I understand that these gas works are essential and unavoidable, but the resulting traffic chaos will have profound social and economic consequences for people who live, work and study in the city. It is therefore essential that Cadent and the responsible local authorities take every possible step to mitigate the impact of the works on traffic flows.

A meeting of key stakeholders is planned for 17th June. Cadent has been invited to join and I would ask you to ensure that a senior Cadent representative attends. I would also ask for your assurance that Cadent will work closely and urgently with me and local authorities to find practical solutions to the serious challenges that these works pose for bus operators and road users.

Cambridge is growing rapidly. Energy infrastructure is essential to our future success, but we must ensure that its installation does not unreasonably impact on the people who already live and work here. I would like to invite you to meet me in Cambridge to show you the impact of the Hills Rd works firsthand and discuss how we can work together to ensure that this project, and any future Cadent works, are delivered with minimum disruption.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Bristow
Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough