



Pitch fibre reforming process

Reforming:

The goal is to return the pitch fibre pipe to its original circular shape. Winches and reformers are used to physically force the pipe back into shape. The tension applied during this process helps restore the pipe's circularity. Think of it as "rehabilitating" the pipe so that it functions as intended.

Lining:

Once the pipe has been reformed, it is lined with a soft felt material that is pulled or blown through the pipe and cured until structurally sound. This lining helps prevent further deformation or deterioration. By reinforcing the pipe, it becomes more resilient and less prone to future issues.

Benefits:

Reforming and lining can often be completed within a day, minimizing disruption. It's a cost-effective alternative to an excavation, which can be expensive and time consuming. If the pipe deformation is less than 30% and there is no significant bellying, reforming and lining may be a viable solution.

Inspection:

Regular inspections are crucial for pitch fibre pipes. Detecting early signs of deformation or damage allows timely intervention. Addressing issues promptly can save time, money, and stress in the long run.