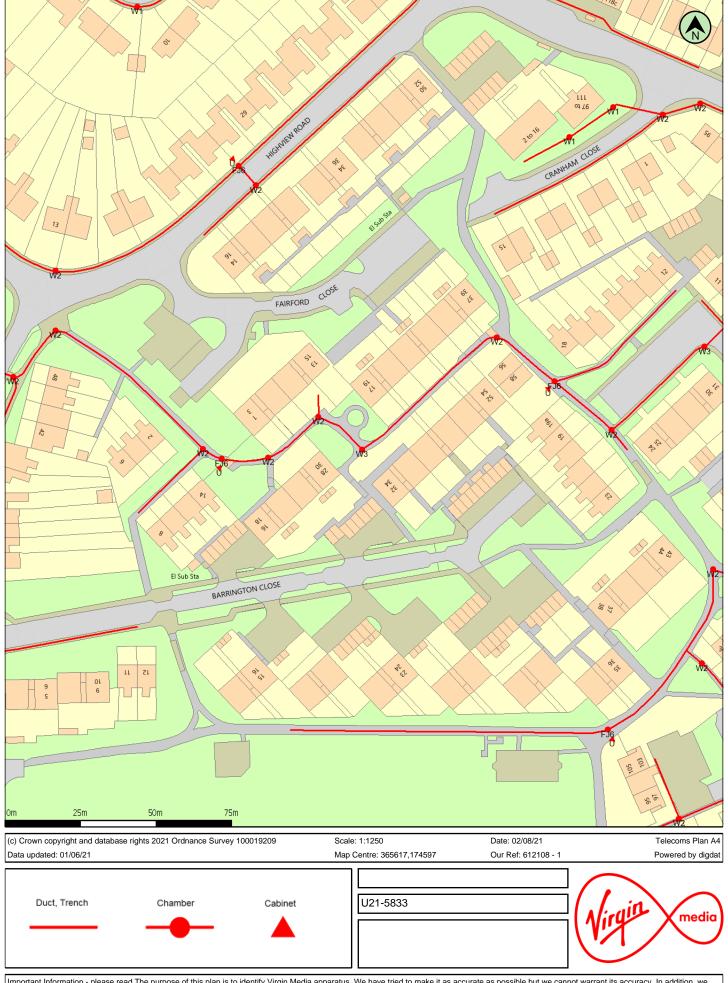


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Important Information - please read The purpose of this plan is to identify Virgin Media apparatus. We have tried to make it as accurate as possible but we cannot warrant its accuracy. In addition, we caution that within Virgin Media apparatus there may be instances where mains voltage power cables have been placed inside green, rather than black ducting. Further details can be found using the "Affected Postcodes.pdf", which can be downloaded from this website. Therefore, you must not rely solely on this plan if you are carrying out any excavation or other works in the vicinity of Virgin Media apparatus. The actual position of any underground service must be verified by called teletcion equipment, etc. and established on site before any mechanical plant is used. Accordingly, unless it is due to the negligence of Virgin Media, its employees or agents, Virgin Media will not have any liability for any omissions or inaccuracies in the plan or for any loss or damage caused or arising from the use of and/or any reliance on this plan. This plan is produced by Virgin Media Limited (c) Crown copyright and database rights 2021 Ordnance Survey 100019209.





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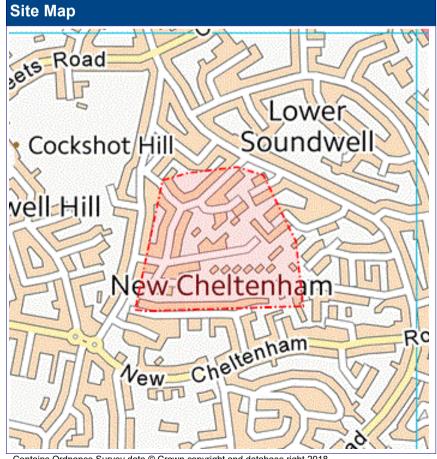


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| Enquirer |        |
|----------|--------|
| Name     | Phone  |
| Company  | Mobile |
| Address  |        |
| Email    |        |

| <b>Enquiry Details</b> |   |                   |               |                     |                              |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Scheme/Reference       | U21-5833                                  |                   |               |                     |                              |
| Enquiry type           | Planned Works Work category Utility Works |                   |               | Vorks               |                              |
| Start date             | 03/08/2021                                | Work type         |               | Single              | excavations site (deeper tha |
| End date               | 03/08/2021                                | Site size         |               | 83003 metres square |                              |
| Searched location      | XY= 365620, 174566                        | Work type buffer* |               | 50 metres           |                              |
| Confirmed location     | 365586 174632                             | ,                 |               |                     |                              |
| Site Contact Name      | Not Supplied                              |                   | Site Phone No |                     | Not Supplied                 |
| Description of Works   |   |                   |               |                     |                              |
|                        |   |                   |               |                     |                              |

<sup>\*</sup> The WORK TYPE BUFFER is a distance added to your search area based on the Work type you have chosen.





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#### **Asset Owners**

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Notes. Please ensure your contact details are correct and up to date on the system in case the LSBUD Members need to contact you.

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**Asset Owners & Responses.** Please note the enquiry results include the following:

- 1. "LSBUD Members" who are asset owners who have registered their assets on the LSBUD service.
- 2. "Non LSBUD Members" are asset owners who have not registered their assets on the LSBUD service but LSBUD is aware of their existence. Please note that there could be other asset owners within your search area.

Below are three lists of asset owners:

- 1. LSBUD Members who have assets registered within your search area. ("Affected")
  - a.These LSBUD Members will either:
    - i. Ask for further information ("Email Additional Info" noted in status). The additional information includes: Site contact name and number, Location plan, Detailed plan (minimum scale 1:2500), Cross sectional drawings (if available), Work Specification.
    - ii. Respond directly to you ("Await Response"). In this response they may either send plans directly to you or ask for further information before being able to do so, particularly if any payments or authorisations are required.
- 2. LSBUD Members who do not have assets registered within your search area. ("Not Affected")
- 3. Non LSBUD Members who may have assets within your search area. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and all details are provided as a guide only. It is your responsibility to identify and consult with all asset owners before proceeding.

**National Grid.** Please note that the LSBUD service only contains information on National Grid's Gas above 7 bar asset, all National Grid Electricity Transmission assets and National Grid's Gas Distribution Limited above 2 bar asset.

For National Grid Gas Distribution Ltd below 2 bar asset information please go to www.beforeyoudig.nationalgrid.com



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LSBUD Members who have assets registered on the LSBUD service within the vicinity of your search area.

| List of affected LSBUD members |             |                |                |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| Asset Owner                    | Phone/Email | Emergency Only | Status         |  |
| Wales and West Utilities       | 02920278912 | 0800111999     | Await response |  |
| Western Power Distribution     | 08000963080 | 08006783105    | Await response |  |

LSBUD Members who do not have assets registered on the LSBUD service within the vicinity of your search area. Please be aware that LSBUD Members make regular changes to their assets and this list may vary for new enquiries in the same area.

|  | List of not affected LSBUD members   | ;   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| AWE Pipeline   | Balfour Beatty Investments Limited   | BOC Limited (A Member of the Linde Group) |  |
| Box Broadband  | BP Exploration Operating Company Limited   | BPA                                       |  |
| Carrington Gas Pipeline  | CATS Pipeline c/o Wood Group PSN   | Cemex                                     |  |
| Centrica Storage Ltd   | CNG Services Ltd   | Concept Solutions People Ltd              |  |
| ConocoPhillips (UK) Teesside Operator Ltd                              | Diamond Transmission Corporation   | DIO (MOD Abandoned Pipelines)             |  |
| DIO (MOD Live Pipelines)   | E.ON UK CHP Limited  | EirGrid                                   |  |
| Electricity North West Limited   | ENI & Himor c/o Penspen Ltd  | EnQuest NNS Limited                       |  |
| EP Langage Limited   | ESP Utilities Group  | ESSAR                                     |  |
| Esso Petroleum Company Limited   | Exolum Pipeline System   | Fulcrum Pipelines Limited                 |  |
| Gamma  | Gas Networks Ireland (UK)  | Gateshead Energy Company                  |  |
| Gigaclear Ltd  | Gtt  | Harbour Energy                            |  |
| Heathrow Airport LTD   | Humbly Grove Energy  | IGas Energy                               |  |
| INEOS FPS Pipelines  | INEOS Manufacturing (Scotland and TSEP)  | INOVYN ChlorVinyls Limited                |  |
| INOVYN Enterprises Limited   | Intergen (Coryton Energy or Spalding Energy)   | Jurassic Fibre Ltd                        |  |
| Last Mile  | Mainline Pipelines Limited   | Manchester Jetline Limited                |  |
| Manx Cable Company   | Marchwood Power Ltd (Gas Pipeline)   | Melbourn Solar Limited                    |  |
| Murphy Utility Assets  | National Grid Gas (Above 7 bar), National Grid<br>Gas Distribution Limited (Above 2 bar) and<br>National Grid Electricity Transmission | Neos Networks                             |  |
| Northumbrian Water Group   | NPower CHP Pipelines   | NTT Global Data Centers EMEA UK Ltd       |  |
| NYnet Ltd  | Oikos Storage Limited  | Ørsted                                    |  |
| Perenco UK Limited (Purbeck Southampton Pipeline)                      | Petroineos   | Phillips 66                               |  |
| Portsmouth Water   | Premier Transmission Ltd (SNIP)  | Redundant Pipelines - LPDA                |  |
| RWE - Great Yarmouth Pipeline (Bacton to Great Yarmouth Power Station) | RWEnpower (Little Barford and South Haven)   | SABIC UK Petrochemicals                   |  |
| Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks                             | Scottish Power Generation  | Seabank Power Ltd                         |  |
| SES Water  | SGN  | Shell                                     |  |
| Shell NOP  | SSE Generation Ltd   | SSE Transmission                          |  |
| SSE Utility Solutions Limited  | Tata Communications (c/o JSM Construction Ltd)   | Total Colnbrook Pipelines                 |  |
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The following Non-LSBUD Members may have assets in your search area. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to contact them before proceeding. Please be aware this list is not exhaustive and it is your responsibility to identify and contact all asset owners within your search area.

| Non-LSBUD members (Asset owners not registered on LSBUD) |  |               |              |  |
|--|--|---------------|--------------|--|
| Asset Owner  | Preferred contact method                     | Phone         | Status       |  |
| Bristol Water  | development.services@bristolwater.co.uk      | 01179665881   | Not Notified |  |
| ВТ   | https://www.swns.bt.com/pls/mbe/welcome.home | 08000232023   | Not Notified |  |
| CenturyLink Communications UK Limited                    | plantenquiries@instalcom.co.uk               | 02087314613   | Not Notified |  |
| CityFibre  | asset.team@cityfibre.com                     | 033 3150 7282 | Not Notified |  |
| Colt   | plantenquiries@catelecomuk.com               | 01227768427   | Not Notified |  |
| ENGIE  | nrswa.uk@engie.com                           | 01293 549944  | Not Notified |  |
| GTC  | https://pe.gtc-uk.co.uk/PlantEnqMembership   | 01359240363   | Not Notified |  |
| Mobile Broadband Network Limited                         | mbnl.plant.enquiries@turntown.com            | 01212 621 100 | Not Notified |  |
| Sky UK Limited   | nrswa@sky.uk                                 | 02070323234   | Not Notified |  |
| Sota   | SOTA.plantenquiries@instalcom.co.uk          |               | Not Notified |  |
| Teliasonera  | check-network@teliacompany.com               | 0800526015    | Not Notified |  |
| Utility assets Ltd                                       | enquiries@utilityassets.co.uk                |               | Not Notified |  |
| Verizon Business   | osp-team@uk.verizonbusiness.com              | 01293611736   | Not Notified |  |
| Virgin Media   | http://www.digdat.co.uk                      | 08708883116   | Not Notified |  |
| Vodafone   | osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com               | 01454662881   | Not Notified |  |
| Wessex Water   | Asset.enquiries@wessexwater.co.uk            | 01225526422   | Not Notified |  |

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## LSBUD Members

Key:

A: Affected NA: Non-Affected

| AWE Pipeine                 | NA  | Esso Petroleum Company Ltd  | NA | RWE Npower                | NA  |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|----|---------------------------|-----|
| AVVETIPELLE                 | INA | L330 i etroleum Company Ltd |    | INVE Npower               | INA |
| BOC Limited                 | NA  | Fulcrum Pipelines           | NA | Scottish Power Generation | NA  |
| BPA                         | NA  | Gamma                       | NA | Seabank Power Ltd         | NA  |
| Carrington Gas<br>Pipelines | NA  | Gateshead Energy Company    | NA | SSE Enterprise Telecoms   | NA  |
| CATS Pipeline               | NA  | Gigaclear PLC               | NA | Tata Communications       | NA  |
| Cemex                       | NA  | GTT                         | NA | Total Finaline Pipelines  | NA  |
| Centrica Storage Ltd        | NA  | IGas Energey                | NA | Transmission Capital      | NA  |
| CLH Pipeline                | NA  | INEOS FPS Pipelines         | NA | Uniper UK Itd             | NA  |
| Concept Solutions           | NA  | Mainline Pipelines Ltd      | NA | Vettenfall                | NA  |
| E.On UK CHP                 | NA  | Manchester Jetline Ltd      | NA | Veolia ES SEL CHP         | NA  |
| EriGrid                     | NA  | Marchwood Power Ltd         | NA | Westminster City Council  | NA  |
| EnQuest NNS Ltd             | NA  | NPower CHP Pipelines        | NA | Zayo Group                | NA  |
| EP Langage Ltd              | NA  | Perenco UK Ltd              | NA |                           |     |
| ESP Utilities Group         | NA  | Premier Transmission Ltd    | NA |                           |     |
| ESSAR                       | NA  | Redundant Pipelines         | NA |                           |     |



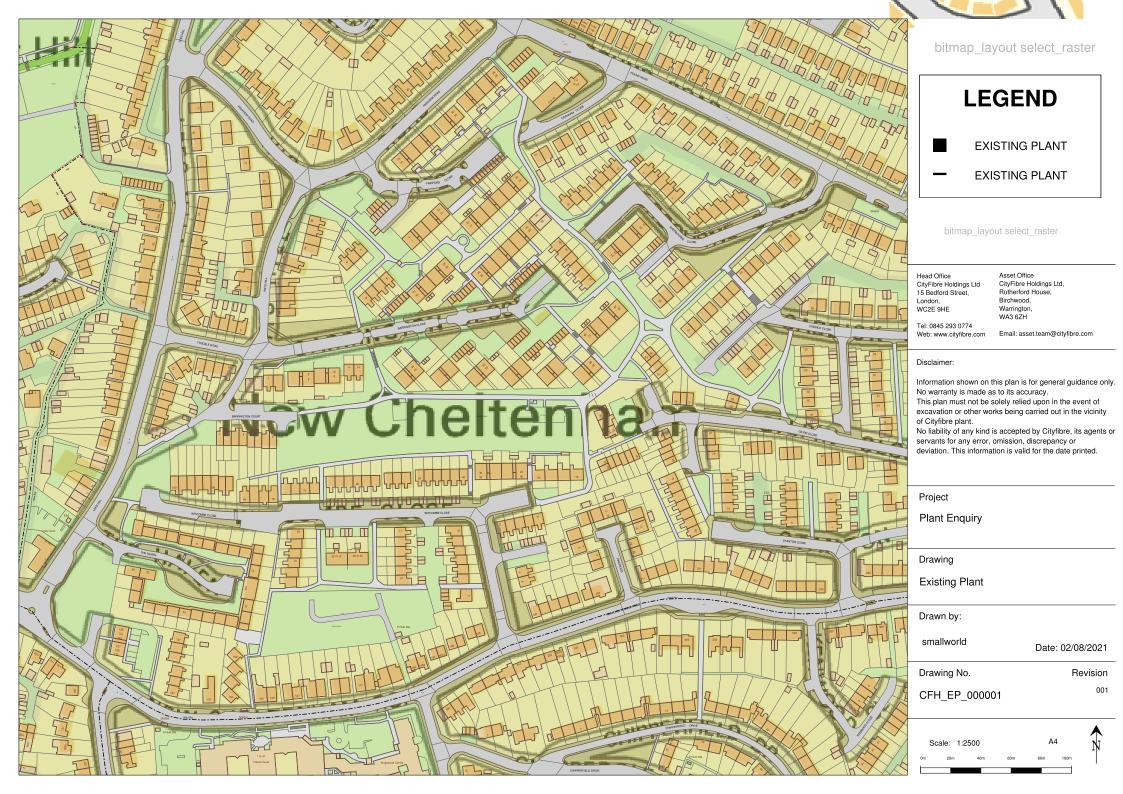
## Non LSBUD Members

| <u>Company</u>       | Affected Y/N  |
|----------------------|---|
|                      | (Report and Letter included for Affected companies) |
| CityFibre            | Υ   |
| Colt Technology      | N   |
| Cross Rail           | N   |
| ENGIE                | N   |
| EU Networks          | N   |
| Instalcom            | N   |
| KPN                  | N   |
| Last Mile            | N   |
| Mobile Broadband     | N   |
| Network Rail         | N   |
| Sky UK               | N   |
| SOTA                 | N   |
| Telent               | N   |
| Transport for London | N   |
| Utility Assets       | N   |
| Verizon              | N   |



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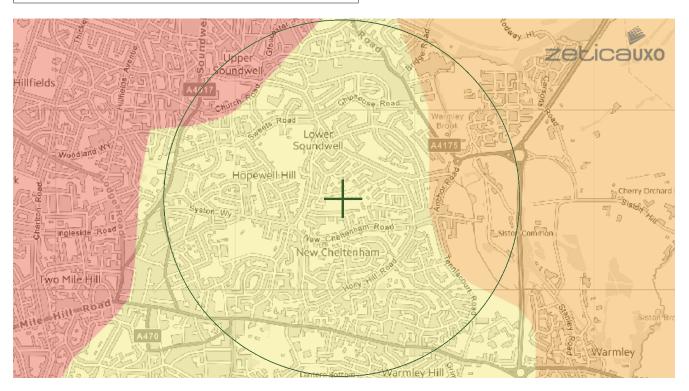
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#### **UNEXPLODED BOMB RISK MAP**

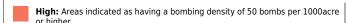


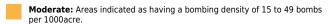
#### SITE LOCATION

Location: BS15 4QD, Map Centre: 365607,174511



#### LEGEND





Low: Areas indicated as having 15 bombs per 1000acre or less.

















Bombing decoy



other

How to use your Unexploded Bomb (UXB) risk map?

The map indicates the potential for Unexploded Bombs (UXB) to be present as a result of World War Two (WWII) bombing.

You can incorporate the map into your preliminary risk assessment\* for potential Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) for a site. Using this map, you can make an informed decision as to whether more in-depth detailed risk assessment\* is necessary.

What do I do if my site is in a moderate or high risk area?

Generally, we recommend that a detailed UXO desk study and risk assessment is undertaken for sites in a moderate or high UXB risk area.

Similarly, if your site is near to a designated Luftwaffe target or bombing decoy then additional detailed research is recommended.

More often than not, this further detailed research will conclude that the potential for a significant UXO hazard to be present on your site is actually low.

Never plan site work or undertake a risk assessment using these maps alone. More detail is required, particularly where there may be a source of UXO from other military operations which are not reflected on these maps.

If my site is in a low risk area, do I need to do anything?
If both the map and other research confirms that there is a low potential for UXO to be present on your site then, subject to your own comfort and risk tolerance, works can proceed with no special precautions.

A low risk really means that there is no greater probability of encountering UXO than anywhere else in the UK.

If you are unsure whether other sources of UXO may be present, you can ask for one of our **pre-desk study assessments (PDSA)** 

If I have any questions, who do I contact?

tel: +44 (0) 1993 886682 email: uxo@zetica.com web: www.zeticauxo.com

The information in this UXB risk map is derived from a number of sources and should be used in conjunction with the accompanying notes on our website: (https://zeticauxo.com/downloads-and-resources/risk-maps/)

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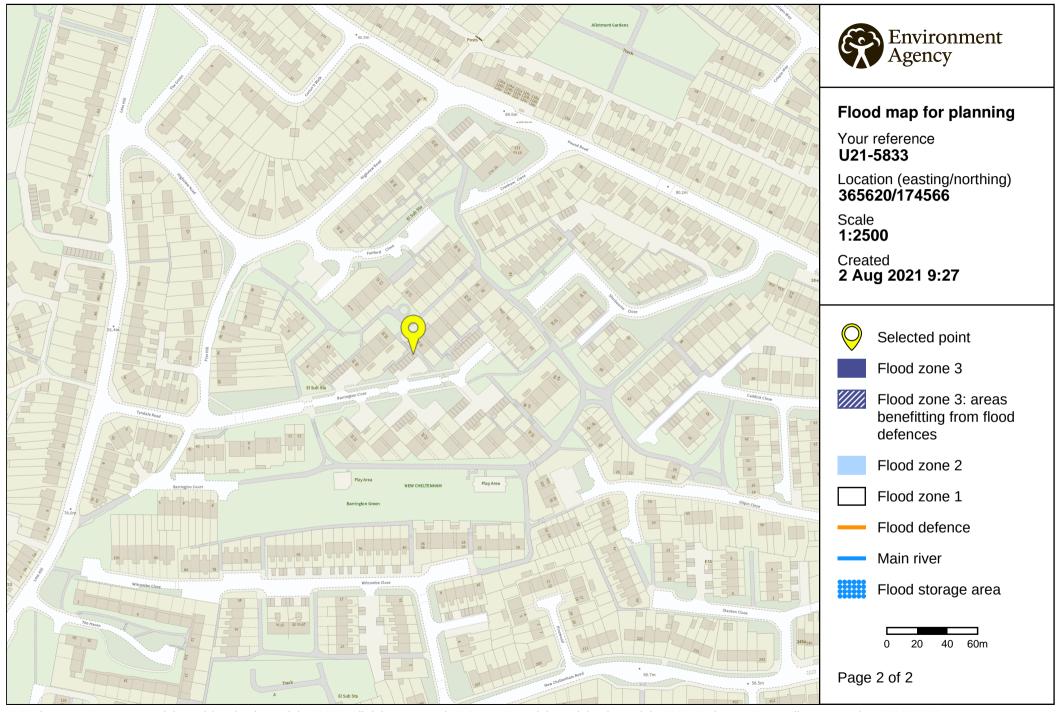
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\*Preliminary and detailed UXO risk assessments are advocated as good practice by industry guidance such as CIRIA C681 'Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), a guide for the construction industry'.





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## Flood map for planning

Your reference Location (easting/northing) Created

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Your selected location is in flood zone 1, an area with a low probability of flooding.

#### This means:

- you don't need to do a flood risk assessment if your development is smaller than 1 hectare and not affected by other sources of flooding
- you may need to do a flood risk assessment if your development is larger than 1
  hectare or affected by other sources of flooding or in an area with critical drainage
  problems

#### **Notes**

The flood map for planning shows river and sea flooding data only. It doesn't include other sources of flooding. It is for use in development planning and flood risk assessments.

This information relates to the selected location and is not specific to any property within it. The map is updated regularly and is correct at the time of printing.

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## **Appendices**

#### **Electric-WPD**

Customer Letter Avoidance of Danger Look out Look Up

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**Gas-Wales and West** 

**Customer Letter** 

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Water- Bristol Water/ Wessex Water

None

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**Cable TV- Virgin Media** 

None

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**GTC** 

**GTC** Letter

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**LSBUD Members** 

None



Our Ref: 22851381 Your Ref: U21-5833

#### Western Power Distribution.

Mapping Centre

Toll End Road

**Tipton** 

West Midlands

United Kingdom

Map Response

T 0121 623 9780

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www.westernpower.co.uk

Thank you for your enquiry dated Monday, 02 August 2021

I now enclose a copy of our plan showing existing Western Power Distribution (WPD) Electricity / WPD Surf Telecom apparatus in the vicinity of your proposed works. This information is given as a general guide only and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Please note that all WPD equipment on site should be assumed to be LIVE until WPD prove otherwise and provide you with confirmation to this effect in writing. Recent additions to our network, or service connections between the main cable and a building or street lamp may not be shown.

WPDMapResponse
@westernpower.co.uk

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Help Desk 0845 437 7365 r may

Damage to underground cables and contact with overhead lines can cause severe injury or may prove fatal. If you are excavating on site in the vicinity of either WPD Electrical apparatus or WPD Surf Telecom apparatus you must comply with the requirements of the following:-

Health & Safety Executive guidance HS(G)47, Avoiding Danger from underground services.

Work taking place in the vicinity of our plant is also regulated under the:-

Electricity at Work Regulations 1989, Health and Safety Act 1974, CDM Regulations 2015.

<u>Safe working procedures should be defined and practiced</u>

Please ensure that the use of mechanical excavators in the vicinity of our plant is kept to a minimum. WPD Surf Telecom ducts contain fibre cables, which are expensive to repair. Therefore, extreme care must be taken whilst working in the vicinity of these ducts, hand digging methods being used to determine their precise position.

If there are overhead lines crossing your site and your proposal involves building works which may infringe the clearance to our overhead system then you should call the relevant general enquiries number (see page 2 of this letter) for advice. Where overhead lines cross your site you must comply with the requirements of Health & Safety Executive guidance as laid down in GS6, Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines.

Where diversions to WPD apparatus are needed to allow change to occur on site, the cost of these alterations may be charged to the persons responsible for the works.

If you require advice in connection with your proposals please contact the relevant general enquiries number (see page 2 of this letter)

Following consultation the local Western Power Distribution team will where necessary prepare detailed proposals and provide a quotation for any necessary alterations and/or development of our equipment on the site.

Yours sincerely WPD Map Response Team

Western Power Distribution PLC

South West - 02366894

South Wales - 02366985

East Midlands - 02366923

West Midlands - 03600574

Registered in

**England and Wales** 

Registered Office:

Avonbank

Feeder Road

Bristol

BS2 OTB



#### **Contact Us**

#### **Emergency or Power Supply issues**

In an emergency call 105, 24 hours a day.

#### **Mapping Enquiries**

If you have an enquiry relating to this letter or the attached map plan, please contact us using the following information:

Telephone 0121 623 9780

Email WPDMapResponse@westernpower.co.uk

#### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general enquiry, please call us on the following telephone number:

All areas 0800 096 3080

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Email enquiries@linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk Website www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk



#### Steps to help keep you safe

 If you are working within 10 metres of our 33kV, 66kV, 132kV underground electricity cables or within 10 metres of an overhead electricity line you should call the relevant General Enquiries for free safety advice.

**Safety Documents** – please download our informative safety documents to help ensure that you, your staff and the public are kept safe whilst working in the vicinity of electricity. https://www.westernpower.co.uk/customers-and-community/health-safety/public-safety-advice

- Make sure you have up to date plans remember that recent additions to our network or service connections between the main cable and a building or street lamp may not be shown.
- Look for signs of service cables an electricity meter box or nearby streetlamp may give you an indication that service cables are present in your area of work.
- **Non WPD Network** electricity cables, lines and equipment owned by others may also be present in addition to WPD network. They are unlikely to be shown on our plans.
- Use a cable locator trace electricity cables and mark the position of them using paint or other waterproof
  marking on the ground.
- **Hand dig trial holes** to confirm the position of cables in close proximity to your area of your work and use spades and shovels rather than picks, pins or forks.
- **Have an emergency plan** so that everyone working on site understands what to do in the event of an underground electricity cable being damaged or contact being made with an overhead electricity line.
- If you are working within 10 metres of an overhead electricity line then it may be necessary for you to erect warning signs and markers, or height restriction goal posts. Ensure that you comply with the requirements of Health & Safety Executive guidance laid down in GS6, Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines.
- If you are erecting a structure that could allow anyone standing on it, or its access device (ladder, scaffold, MEWP), to come within 3m of any overhead electric line then you must inform us. This is your duty and a legal requirement under the Electricity Safety, Quality & Continuity Regulations 2002.
- If you cannot work safely around the underground electricity cable or overhead electricity line, then you
  may need to get it moved to allow your works to go ahead. Call the general enquiry numbers above for
  guidance.
- It is possible that cables or pipes may be embedded in concrete electricity cables embedded in concrete MUST be made 'dead' by Western Power Distribution or the cable owner before the concrete is broken out. Alternatively, another safe way of working should be agreed.

Cables are sometimes covered by tiles or a marker tape - these can be concrete, polythene or earthenware and are a useful early warning of the presence of cables; you should avoid disturbing any tiles or tape to expose the cable. Not all cables have these warning indicators.

Safety Documents: 3 | 3



Avoidance of Danger from Electricity Overhead Lines and Underground Cables

# Avoidance of Danger from Electricity Overhead Lines and Underground Cables

## Introduction

In the UK on average, 20 people are killed and 400 people are injured as a result of coming into contact (or close proximity) with electricity overhead lines and underground cables.

Although electric shock is the first thing that people associate with coming into contact with our network, those who have witnessed the effects of damage to our system are shocked by the amounts of heat, light and noise that are the result of an electrical flashover.

In the Midlands, South West and South Wales, Western Power Distribution (WPD) have had to attend to incidents where people have accidentally made contact with one of our live electricity overhead lines or damaged an underground cable and become seriously injured.

A significant number of these accidents occurred whilst people were working in the vicinity of overhead and underground electrical apparatus and this booklet has been produced to provide general guidance on how you and your employees can avoid becoming one of these statistics.

## Our Operational Area



### PLANNING YOUR WORK.

It makes sense to consider your safety while in the vicinity of our equipment as early in your planning process as possible.

One of the first things you should do whenever you are planning your work is to check whether there is any of our equipment in the immediate vicinity. You should do this whether your work is taking place on public (e.g. highways and footpaths) or on private land.

For instance, take a good look around your site to see if there are any visible overhead lines. You should also bear in mind that we have a very extensive network of underground cables, and we are always happy to supply a plan from our Map Response Team who can be contacted via the following;

Tel: 0121 623 9780 Fax: 0121 623 9223

WPDMapResponse@westernpower.co.uk

An online mapping service is available at www.westernpower.co.uk/locationplans

It is always safer to assume that there are underground cables present in the ground until you have proven otherwise.

# WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF UNDERGROUND CABLES

Having obtained copies of our network maps, it is important to recognise that in most cases there will be no surface indication of the presence of our underground cables. We therefore advise that you take the following actions:

- Make sure that you have up-to-date copies of our cable record plans
   ON SITE not back in the office.
- Don't assume that these plans are to scale if they have been faxed or copied.
- Make sure that a competent person using a Cable Avoidance Tool (CAT) locates all of the cables shown on these plans.
- Mark the locations of cables on the ground surface with waterproof road paint or other permanent marker.
- Always assume that our cables are live unless we have informed you, in writing, otherwise.



By hand, dig trial holes to locate the exact position of all cables.
 Always use a spade or shovel – never use a pick, fork or power tool – push the spade or shovel into the ground applying foot pressure.

- Look out for ducts, marker tape or tiles but do not rely on these. Even if a cable route was originally laid in a duct or with a marker tape, these may have been removed during other excavations at a later date along all or part of the cable route.
- Brief all people working in the vicinity of the presence and location of all underground cables.

# UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU ATTEMPT TO WORK ON, OR INTERFERE WITH, ANY OF OUR UNDERGROUND CABLES.

The only people qualified to work on this equipment are our operatives; who have been specifically trained and are authorised in writing to do so.

## Please also be aware that:

- Cable record plans are not guaranteed to be completely accurate.
   Kerb lines, roads and buildings may have been moved or altered since the cables were laid.
- Cables should ordinarily be at least 450mm deep but don't assume this to be the case where you are working – ground levels could have changed.
- Not all service cables are shown on record plans, so look for cables running down poles and bear in mind that all buildings, street lights and street furniture are likely to have cables running to them. Cables feeding street furniture may be relatively shallow near to the furniture.
- Cables do not run in straight lines. They often "snake" through the ground avoiding surface and buried obstacles that may not be visible to you.
- Cables are flexible and can change direction and depth abruptly for this reason never use mechanical excavators within 0.5m of any underground electricity cable even if you have located it with trial holes.

- No attempt should be made to break out concrete surrounding a cable. Please contact us immediately on our general enquiries number and we will discuss the options for safe working which may include making the cable dead or you moving your work site if possible. If we need to make the cable dead we may need to provide our customers with two weeks notice of the power interruption.
- Our cables and joints are not designed to act as steps or to be left unsupported. If you remove support from any cable, you will need to support it using temporary hangers at not more than 0.5m intervals.
- When backfilling, please consolidate the ground under the cables, cover the cable with soil free of stones or with stone dust and replace any cable marker tiles, ducts and tape.

#### IF YOU DAMAGE AN UNDERGROUND CABLE

you must immediately clear the area of personnel, because the cable could still be live, or become live again.

If a machine is still in contact with the cable, instruct the driver to JUMP clear. Do not touch any part of the machine.

Please contact us on our emergency number immediately and tell us what has happened. Please be ready to provide us with a contact telephone number and an accurate location or set of directions – this will help us in getting our staff to site quickly to minimise any danger and lessen the disruption to your work.

Please report any damage to a cable, however superficial it might seem. The cable may not fail at the time of damage, but it could fail later, causing danger to our staff and other contractors, disruption to our customers' supplies, and also – if we trace the damage back to you – a very much larger repair bill.

# WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF OVERHEAD LINES

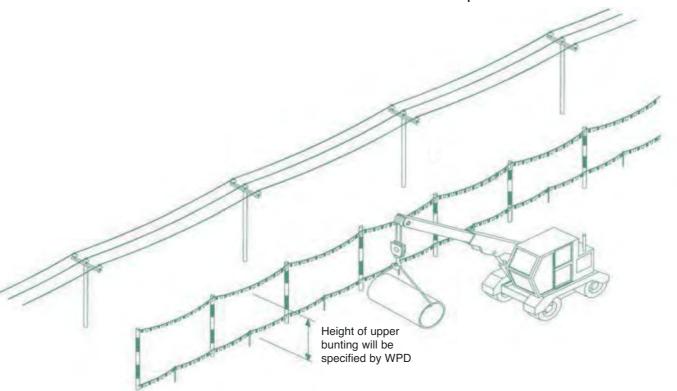
UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU ATTEMPT TO WORK ON, OR INTERFERE WITH ANY OF OUR OVERHEAD LINE EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE WIRES.

The only people qualified to work on this equipment are our operatives; who have been specifically trained and are authorised in writing to do so.

Overhead lines have the advantage that, unlike underground cables, they can easily be seen.

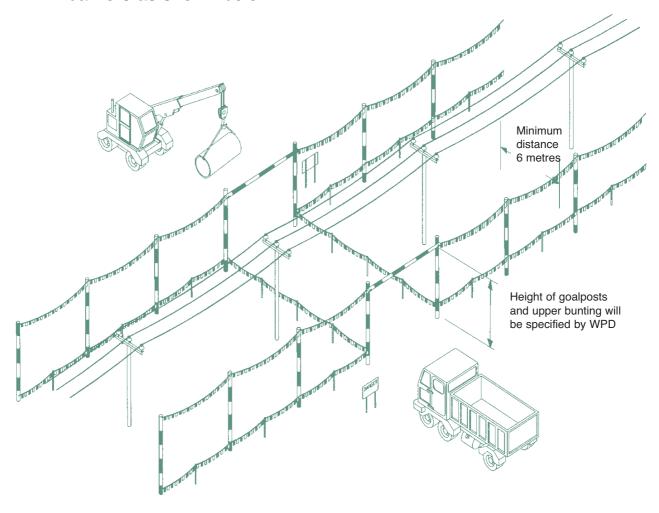
- Always assume that our overhead lines are live unless we have informed you otherwise in writing.
- We will be able to advise you about the type and voltage of the overhead lines in question and provide you with information about the clearances that you must adhere to during your work. Please ring our regional general enquiries number for further advice.
- If you are in any doubt about whether the overhead lines in question are power or telephone (this is a very common mistake) – please ask us.
- In some circumstances, we may be able to temporarily shroud low voltage overhead lines and services running to buildings if you need to work in the vicinity e.g. for scaffolding erection, fascia repairs and painting work on domestic properties. We don't normally charge for the shrouding of overhead lines, but please give us as much notice as possible.
- If you think that you will be working close to our overhead lines and they need shrouding – please don't start work until we have agreed what needs to be done and all safety precautions are in place.
- Please note that it is not technically possible to shroud high voltage lines, so if you cannot avoid working near to our high voltage lines, contact us and we will be happy to meet with you to discuss safe alternatives.

- If it is decided that work can go ahead in the vicinity of our overhead lines but there is a risk of you infringing the safety clearances from the overhead lines, you have a responsibility to erect safety barriers to segregate your works from the area around the overhead lines. The detailed requirements for these barriers are provided in the HSE document GS6 'Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Lines'. As a summary they should consist of:
  - Red and white coloured posts erected at 6m intervals, with coloured bunting stretched between their tops, supplemented by low level bunting erected at 1m above ground level, supported at 3m intervals on red and white coloured posts. This is shown below.



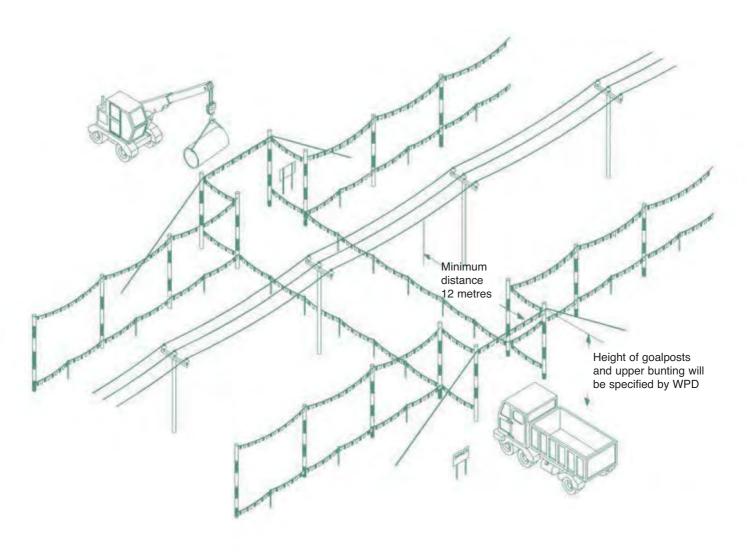
- We are able to advise you on the height of the barriers and any additional clearances necessary if you are using large plant on your site.
- Any bunting, ropes and lanyards used should be made from an insulating material.
- These barriers should be erected parallel to the overhead line at a minimum distance of 6m horizontally from the outermost conductor of the overhead line.

- The supports may be supported by rubble or concrete filled barrels or buried directly in the ground.
- Danger Notices should be fixed to all of your high level supports.
- The ground enclosed within these barriers is best regarded as "dead ground" in which all foot and vehicular traffic is forbidden, in all circumstances, for the duration of your work.
- Where it is necessary for foot and vehicular traffic to pass under the line, you will need to form a marked access way between the barriers as shown below.



- This access way should comprise of bunting erected 1m above ground, supplemented by high level "goal-posts" erected at either end.
- The goal post cross bars should be rigid, made of insulating material and positioned in a location and at a height specified by us.

- The access route should be as narrow as possible and should not normally exceed 10m in width.
- If it is necessary to make the access route wider than this, you may find it impractical to use rigid cross bars, so you may use a tensioned rope and bunting instead. If you use rope and bunting as a cross bar, you should move the entrance to the access route out to a minimum distance of 12m from the outermost conductor of the line. This is to allow for any stretching of the rope if pulled by your plant.



- If you decide to use steel wire rope to support the barrier, this must be effectively connected to earth at both ends.
- You should also install Danger Notices at all probable directions of approach and clearly display the cross bar height.
- If you are working at night, or in conditions or poor visibility, you should ensure the area is well lit and that the overhead lines are clearly visible.
- Whatever measures you take, you should ensure that everyone working in the vicinity of overhead lines is briefed about the risks and what safety measures are in place. Do not permit anyone to carry long objects, especially scaffold poles, ladders and irrigation pipes in the vicinity of overhead lines.
- You should ensure that all shrouding, barriers and signs are regularly inspected and maintained so that they remain effective.
- Overhead lines are not normally insulated and electricity at high voltages may jump, so a dangerous situation can arise just from a close approach.
- Cranes and excavators working near overhead lines are at increased risk because of the possibility of the jib/arm slewing or being raised into the overhead line, or the load swinging into the overhead line. You may therefore also need to fit plant and vehicles with restricting chains etc. to physically restrain their operation we can advise on this if you wish.
- If you are planning to carry out tree cutting or arboriculture work in the vicinity of our overhead lines, you need to be aware that this is a complex, high risk activity and we recommend that you employ a competent tree surgeon, who complies with all of the requirements of Forestry industry Safety Accord (FISA) publication FISA 804 Electricity at work: Forestry.

## If contact is made with an overhead line

you must immediately clear the area and suspend all work within 50m of the damage because the line could still be live, or become live again.

The operator of a machine that is in contact with an overhead line should:

• if the machine is still operable and the operator is still in the cab:

provided that you do not risk breaking the overhead line or dragging it to the ground, immediately lower the raised parts of the machine USING ONLY THE CONTROLS IN THE CAB and/or drive the vehicle clear of the overhead line.

contact us immediately on our emergency number so that we can check the overhead lines.

instruct other people in the vicinity not to approach the vehicle.

• if the machine is not operable, cannot be driven clear of the overhead line or there is a risk that doing so will break the line or drag it to the ground:

stay in the cab.

contact your site manager or us immediately on our emergency number by radio or mobile phone or as soon as possible by any other method.

instruct everyone outside the vehicle not to approach it.

do not exit the cab until given confirmation BY WPD PERSONNEL that it is safe to do so.

• if the machine is inoperable or cannot be driven free and there is risk of fire or other immediate hazard:

JUMP clear of the vehicle, avoiding simultaneous contact with any part of the machine and the ground.

try to land with your feet as close together as possible.

where possible, continue to move away from the vehicle using "bunny hops" with your feet together until at least 15m from the vehicle.

instruct other people in the vicinity not to approach the vehicle.

contact us immediately on our emergency number.

do not return to the vehicle until given confirmation by WPD PERSONNEL that it is safe to do so.

Whatever the circumstances please contact us on our emergency number immediately and tell us what has happened. Please be ready to provide us with a contact telephone number and an accurate location or set of directions – this will help us in getting our staff to site quickly to minimise any danger and lessen any disruption to your work.

Please report any damage or contact no matter how minor they may seem to you at the time. The damage may not cause a serious problem at the time of damage, but it could fail later, causing danger to our staff and members of the public, disruption to our customers' supplies, and – if we trace the damage back to you – a large repair bill.

# MORE INFORMATION

For your information, we are legally obliged to report all contact with our system to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE), and, if you are an employer, you may be obliged to report incidents involving your staff or contractors to the HSE. Even if no one is hurt, you could be prosecuted for failing to report such an incident.

More detailed general information on this subject is available in the following publications from the HSE:

HSG(47) – Avoiding Danger from Underground Services

GS6 – Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Lines

Along with Forestry Industry Safety Accord (FISA) publication FISA 804 – Electricity at Work: Forestry

If you require more site-specific information relating to our equipment at your location please contact us on our regional general enquiries numbers.

Our general enquiries numbers are;

Midlands 0845 724 0240

General Enquiries

South Wales 0845 601 3341

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South West 0845 601 2989

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# FINALLY...

Please, always remember that electricity cables and overhead lines can be very dangerous – the general rule is STAY AWAY and stay safe.

# **NOTES**



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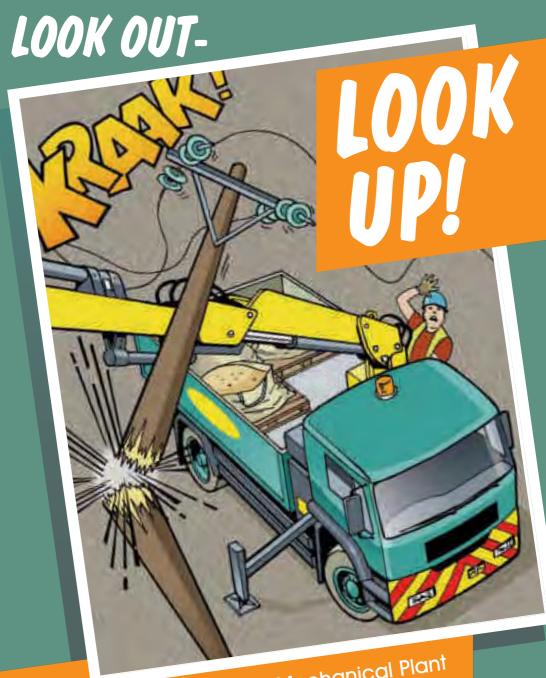
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A Guide to the Safe Use of Mechanical Plant in the Vicinity of Electricity Overhead Lines



# The Safe Use of Mechanical Plant in the Vicinity of Electricity Overhead Lines

# Introduction

Every year in the UK on average, two people are killed and many more are injured when mechanical plant and machinery comes into contact or close proximity to overhead electricity lines.

This booklet has been produced for anyone who uses mobile plant, (such as Hiabs, MEWPs, Tipper Lorries and Trailers, Grab Lorries, Concrete Conveyors and Excavators) for short duration work and provides general guidance on how to avoid becoming part of these statistics.



# 1 BEFORE STARTING WORK

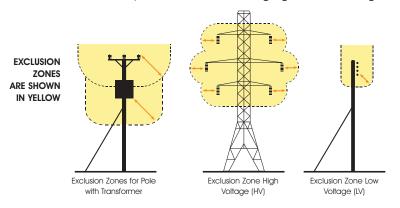
 Overhead lines have the advantage that they can easily be seen, so before you set up your vehicle or plant always:

# STOP AND LOOK UP!

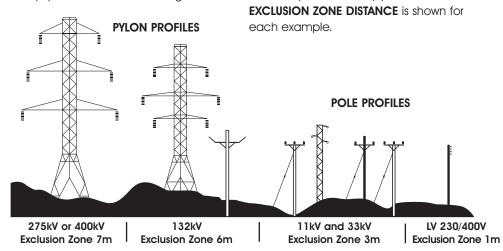
- If you are working at night, or in conditions of poor visibility, you should use spotlights or a torch to carefully check that there are no overhead lines within your vehicle's reach.
- Always assume that our lines are live unless we have informed you otherwise in writing.
- If you are in any doubt about whether the lines in question are power or telephone (this is a very common mistake) – always assume that they are power lines and are live.
- It is not normally practical for electricity companies to shroud high voltage conductors and even when low voltage conductors are shrouded, the shrouding is not designed to protect against contact by mechanical plant – again, always assume the lines are live.

# 2 EXCLUSION ZONES

- Overhead power lines are not normally insulated and so any contact can result in serious or fatal injuries.
- Electricity at high voltages can also jump gaps with no warning whatsoever, so it is also dangerous to let your plant approach too close to a line.
- The distance that electricity can jump depends on the voltage of the line.
  The higher the voltage, the further you must stay away from the line and any other equipment that may be fitted to the pole or pylon. This distance is called the EXCLUSION ZONE. Examples of this are shown highlighted in the diagram below.



- You must not allow any part of your plant to enter the EXCLUSION ZONE.
- The diagram below shows typical types of overhead lines and provides a guide to help you assess the line voltage of lines on wooden poles or steel pylons. The minimum

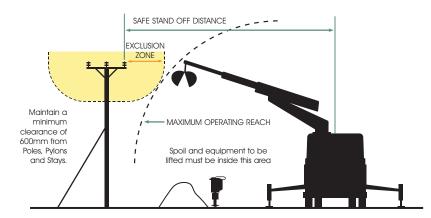


 Please note that these are absolute minimum distances that should under no circumstances be infringed. If you do - it could prove fatal.

- As well as staying away from the lines or equipment, you should also stay at least 600mm away from any part of poles, pylons and stay wires.
- Please remember that is for guidance only, and if you are in any doubt, please call us for advice before setting up your plant or starting work.

# 3 STAND OFF DISTANCES

- If there are power lines in the vicinity of your work the best way to make sure you stay out of the EXCLUSION ZONE is to position your vehicle at a SAFE STAND OFF DISTANCE so that, even when fully extended, no part of it can accidentally reach inside the EXCLUSION ZONE.
- This SAFE STAND OFF DISTANCE can be calculated by adding the EXCLUSION ZONE distance for the appropriate voltage of the line to the Maximum Operating Reach of your vehicle. This is shown in the diagram below.



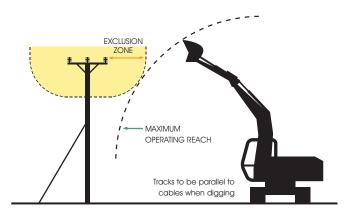
- If you position your vehicle outside of the SAFE STAND OFF DISTANCE, there is no risk
  of accidental contact with the lines and no danger of electricity jumping from the
  line to your vehicle.
- If you cannot achieve a SAFE STAND OFF DISTANCE, consider moving your vehicle to a safer location.
   It may make your job a bit more difficult, but if it means you stay away from the EXCLUSION ZONE

   it will be safer. The next best option would be to consider using smaller plant with a Maximum Operating Reach that cannot enter the EXCLUSION ZONE.



**EXCLUSION** 

- You may not be able to achieve either of these options, so, as a last resort, if you cannot avoid operating large items of plant in the vicinity of lines, you MUST make sure that the plant is fitted with restraints to ensure that the EXCLUSION ZONE cannot be entered. These restraints may be electrical or hydraulic systems fitted to the plant, or mechanical devices such as chains.
  - Please seek advice from the plant manufacturer for more information on choices available for your particular item of plant.
- If you are using a mechanical excavator to dig parallel to the line, it is good practice to position the excavator with the tracks or wheels parallel to the line, so as you move along the excavation the SAFE STAND OFF DISTANCE is easily maintained.



- Care must also be taken to avoid non-mechanical equipment, (e.g. scaffold poles, ladders and long loads such as lengths of steel or timber) from entering the EXCLUSION ZONE.
- Always maintain at least 600mm clearance from your plant to any of our poles, stay wires or pylons. Any contact with these by your plant could cause the line to break and fall to the ground.

# 4 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If contact is made with an overhead line, you must immediately clear the area and suspend all work within 50m of the damage because the line could still be live, or become live again.

The operator of a machine that is in contact with an overhead line should take the following steps:

- If the machine is still operable:
  - lower any raised parts that are controlled from the driving position and/or drive the vehicle clear of the line, as long as neither of these actions risk breaking the line or dragging it to the ground.

MAXIMUM OPERATING REACH

### • If the machine is not operable or cannot be driven clear of the line:

- stay in the cab.
- contact your site manager or us immediately by radio or mobile phone or as soon as possible by any other method.
- instruct everyone outside the vehicle not to approach it.
- do not exit the cab until given confirmation BY WPD PERSONNEL that it is safe to do so.

# If the machine is inoperable or cannot be driven free and there is risk of fire or other immediate hazard:

- jump clear of the vehicle, avoiding simultaneous contact with any part of the machine and the ground.
- try to land with your feet as close together as possible.
- where possible, continue to move away from the vehicle using "bunny hops" with your feet together until at least 15m from the vehicle.
- instruct other people in the vicinity not to approach the vehicle.
- do not return to the vehicle until given confirmation BY WPD PERSONNEL that it is safe to do so.

# Whatever the circumstances please contact us on our emergency number immediately and tell us what has happened.

Please be ready to provide us with a contact telephone number and an accurate location or set of directions – this will help us in getting our staff to site quickly to minimise any danger and to reduce any disruption to your work.

Our emergency number is:

# 105 or 0800 6783 105

Please report any damage or contact no matter how minor they may seem to you at the time. Whilst the damage may not cause a serious problem at the time of contact it could fail later, causing danger to our staff and members of the public, disruption to our customer's supplies, and – if we trace the damage back to you – a larger repair bill!

# 5 MORE INFORMATION

- Proximity Warning Systems (such as Wire Watcher see wirewatcher.co.uk for information) may be fitted to your vehicle. Never turn these devices off or disable them in any way.
- Take note of any warnings these proximity warning systems may provide but do not use the presence of such devices as a reason not to follow the advice provided in this leaflet.
- For your information, we are legally obliged to report all contact with our system to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and, if you are an employer, you may be obliged to report incidents involving your staff or contractors to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE). Even if no one is hurt, you could still find yourself being prosecuted for causing a dangerous occurrence.

# 6 FURTHER READING

For advice related to signing and guarding at longer term work sites please also refer to WPD booklet "Avoidance of Danger from Electricity Overhead Lines and Underground Cables"

More detailed information is also published in the following documents available from the HSE.

GS6 – Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Lines.

HS(G) 47 - Avoiding Danger from Underground Services.

Along with Forestry Industry Safety Accord (FISA) publication **FISA 804 - Electricty at Work: Forestry.** 

If you require more site-specific information relating to our equipment at your location please contact us on the relevant **GENERAL ENQUIRIES NUMBER**:

# 0800 096 3080

**FINALLY....** Please, always remember that electricity overhead lines can be very dangerous – the general rule is **STAY AWAY** and **STAY SAFE!** 

# For the Safe Use of Mechanical Plant in the Vicinity of Electricity Overhead Lines ALWAYS FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES – THEY COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

- Treat all overhead lines as live and dangerous
- Any contact may be fatal or cause very serious injuries
- Electricity can jump gaps
- Before you set up or use plant near to lines STOP and LOOK UP
- Take special care and use lights in the dark or poor light conditions
- If there are lines in the vicinity of your work stay well away
- Set up your plant with care to reduce the chance of contact
- If you are unsure or need advice
  - please ask us before starting work

Our emergency number is: 105 or 0800 6783 105

You can also call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines, poles and substations which could put you or someone else in danger.

If there's a serious immediate risk, you should also call the emergency services.

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## **Company Address**

Wales and West Utilities Ltd, Wales and West House, Spooner Close, Celtic, Springs, Coedkernew, Newport, NP10 8FZ

Thank you for contacting us regarding Wales & West Utilities equipment at the above site.

I enclose an extract from our mains records of the area covered by your proposals together with a comprehensive list of General Conditions for your guidance. This information is given as a general guide and its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. Service pipes, valves, syphons, stub connections, etc., are not shown but their presence should be anticipated.

No liability of any kind whatsoever is accepted by Wales and West Utilities (WWU), its agents or servants for any error or omission. Please note that all WWU equipment on site should be assumed to be LIVE until proven otherwise.

Safe digging practices, in accordance with HS(G)47, Avoiding Danger from underground services must be used to verify and establish the actual position of mains, pipes, services and other apparatus on site before any mechanical plant is used. It is your responsibility to ensure that this information is provided to all persons (either direct labour or contractors) working for you on or near gas apparatus. Safe working procedures should be defined and practiced.

WWU reserves its position completely to enforce the terms of any existing easement against the landowner, even if this results in any planning permission granted not being able to be fully implemented.

You must not build over any of our plant or enclose our apparatus.

Wales & West Utilities have no planning objections to these proposals, although it should be noted that Wales & West's apparatus is held pursuant to easements and it has other private law rights in relation to the use of the land in the vicinity of its apparatus. Wales & West's private law land rights are not material planning considerations and therefore no comment is made in relation to those rights and they have no impact on whether or not planning permission should be granted, or whether, if permission is granted, it can lawfully be implemented. It should also be noted that Wales & West's apparatus may be at risk during construction works and should the planning application be approved, then we require the promoter of these works to contact us directly to discuss our requirements in detail. Should diversion works be required these will be fully chargeable.

Where diversions to WWU apparatus are needed to allow change to occur on site, the cost of these alterations may be charged to the persons responsible for the works.

If you have requested a new connection the WWU connections team will where necessary prepare detailed proposals and provide a quotation for any necessary alterations and/or development of our equipment on the site.

If you require advice in connection with your proposals please contact the relevant number below.

Yours sincerely,



# **Company Address**

Wales and West Utilities Ltd, Wales and West House, Spooner Close, Celtic, Springs, Coedkernew, Newport, NP10 8FZ

WWU Dig Team

## **Gas Emergency Number:**

In an emergency call 0800 111 999, 24 hours a day.

# **Mapping Enquiries:**

If you have an enquiry relating to this letter or the attached map plan, please contact us using the following information:

Telephone 02920 278912

Email dig@wwutilities.co.uk

# **General Enquiries:**

If you have a general enquiry, please call us on the following number

All areas 0800 912 29 99

# LinesearchbeforeUdig:

If you have an enquiry relating to the use of the LinesearchbeforeUdig website please contact LinesearchbeforeUdig using the following information:

Telephone 0845 437 7365

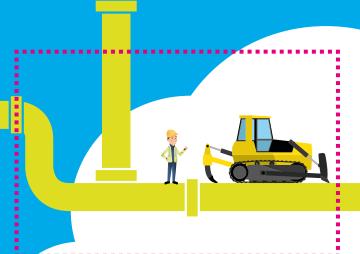
Email enquiries@linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk Website www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk



Every day, underground gas pipes get damaged by people digging without knowing what's below. This can be catastrophic. It might cause serious injury to you and others around you. The costs of repair, fines and fees can be huge. Your project will be delayed and your reputation damaged.

We have designed this leaflet to help you dig safely. And the first thing to do – long before you start work – is call us.

What's the number? **029 2027 8912** 



CARD POSITION (DO NOT PRINT)

# We're here to help



Plant Protection team on 029 2027 8912
or email dig@wwwutilities.co.uk

Smell gas?
Call the Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999.



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Dial Investigate Go ahead

YOUR GAS EMERGENCY AND PIPELINE SERVICE



# Can you DIG it?

We bring the gas to homes and businesses across Wales and the south west of England. We invest money, time and effort every year to make sure our pipelines are protected – but the biggest danger to our network is you.



# **D** is for Dial

Digging can be dangerous. Hit a gas pipe and you might cause a gas leak, a fire or explosion.

So phone us first on **029 2027 8912** or email **dig@wwwtilities.co.uk** 

- You can find out where our pipes are.
- You need to give us 10 working days' notice before you start working.





# Lis for Investigate

It's the only way to stay safe

- Before you start work, you must get a copy of our up-to-date gas plans and General Conditions and keep them with you on site.
- Use our online mapping service to find the mains pipes under your land.
- Working near a medium-, or intermediate- or highpressure gas pipe? You might need a site visit – call us so we can arrange it.
- Plan ahead we need at least 10 days' notice for a site visit.
- You'll also need our publication 'SSW22 Safe working in the vicinity of high-pressure pipelines and associated installations'.
- Remember, you can't work on a Wales & West Utilities wayleave or easement (land which we have rights over to maintain our gas network) without written permission.
- And you can't work near or move heavy equipment over any gas pipeline until all our conditions have been met and we agree your method of working.
- Watch the video on our website to find out more.





# **G** is for Go ahead

- Make sure you have our up-to-date gas plans on site.
- Need extra advice? Call our Plant Protection team on 029 2027 8912 or email dig@wwutilities.co.uk
- Use cable- and pipe-locating devices.
- Use safe digging practices, taking every precaution to avoid damaging gas pipes, damaging yourself and damaging your bank balance. You will be billed for any costs if something goes wrong.
- If in doubt, phone us again. We're happy to help.

We need 10 days' notice



# Smell gas?

Our Gas Emergency Service is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

If you cause a gas leak, or think the network might be leaking, call the Gas Emergency Service immediately on **0800 111 999**.

- Get everyone away from the leak.
- Ask everyone in nearby buildings to leave until we're sure it's safe.
- Put out all naked flames and other sources of ignition and make sure no one smokes within 15 metres of the leak.
- Don't try to fix the leak by filling the hole, as gas may enter buildings.
- Don't try to operate any valves.
- Don't let anyone go near the leak.
- Help our engineers, the police or fire services if they ask.

# **Wales & West Utilities Limited**

# General Conditions to be observed for the Protection of Apparatus and the Prevention of Disruption to Gas Supplies.

General conditions affecting the design, construction or maintenance of services and/or structures or other works in the vicinity of Wales & West Utilities (WWU) plant, pipelines and associated installations:

These general conditions apply only to the gas apparatus and pipes operated by WWU. It is possible that there may be other gas transporters with apparatus in the vicinity, therefore you should ensure that you have made enquiries of them and have complied with their requirements.

## 1. GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF GAS MAINS

Any plans supplied or marked up by WWU will indicate the **APPROXIMATE** location of its apparatus. This information is provided as a general guide only; its accuracy cannot be guaranteed and is given without obligation or warranty. Service pipes are not shown but their presence should be anticipated. No liability whatsoever is accepted by WWU, its agents or servants for any error, omission, discrepancy or deviation. Plans on site should be current, i.e. no older than 28 days from the date of issue. Gas pipes owned by other Gas Transporters, or otherwise privately owned, may be present in this area (pink areas indicated on our plans). Information with regard to such pipes should be obtained from the relevant owners.

Should you require assistance on site locating WWU apparatus, please contact our Plant Protection Team on 02920 278912.

### 2. METHODS OF WORKING

The following methods of work shall not normally be permitted within the limits of distance indicated (relative to the established pipe position). Any variances must have consent from WWU before works commence on site:

Mechanical Excavation

Piling / Pile removing / Boring
Directional Drill Operations

3m (1m for low pressure mains)
15m

Welding or other hot works\* 15m
Explosives

250m

\* NOTE: Welding or other hot works involving naked flames shall be carried out at a safe distance to the satisfaction of a WWU Engineer. A check should be made prior to the commencement of works, to ensure a gas free atmosphere exists. It is also necessary to monitor the atmosphere at regular intervals for the duration of the works. In no case shall such activities take place in any Wales & West Utilities Easement without the written consent and in the presence of a WWU representative.

WWU must be consulted prior to carrying out any excavation work within **10m** of any above or below ground gas installations or pipeline. No excavation works may commence within **50m** of a High Pressure or Very High Pressure Pipeline unless the pipeline has been located by tracing and its precise route identified.

In addition to the above methods of working, WWU must be contacted prior to any External Wall Installation (EWI) schemes, proposed solar farms and wind turbine installations.

No work shall be undertaken near, nor heavy plant or equipment moved over, any gas pipeline or apparatus until all of the conditions specified by WWU have been complied with.

Where WWU have apparatus in the vicinity of your work, any damage to it could have serious consequences. In view of this and in the interests of safety, a meeting should be arranged before the commencement of work on site between WWU representatives, representatives of the promoting authority, the contractors and any other interested parties. At this meeting the suggested program of site works and plant safety should be discussed. It is essential that this meeting is convened well in advance of commencement on site. Access to WWU plant and facilities for inspection by WWU staff must not be affected. Where formal consent has been given, **A MINIMUM OF SEVEN DAYS NOTICE IS REQUIRED** before carrying out work in WWU easements, or the appropriate notice under the New Roads & Street Works Act (NRSWA) where existing plant is situated within the public highway.

Further guidance can also be sought from the document **HS(G)47 – Avoiding Danger from Underground Services** from the HSE website.

# 3. PROXIMITY OF OTHER PLANT

A minimum clearance of **600 millimetres (mm)** should be allowed between all plant being installed and an existing gas main operating above 2 bar medium pressure (MP), whether the adjacent plant is parallel to or crossing the gas pipe. For mains operating at MP or below, this distance can be reduced to 300mm. **NO APPARATUS SHOULD BE LAID OVER AND ALONG THE LINE OF A GAS PIPE, IRRESPECTIVE OF CLEARANCE**.

No manhole or chamber shall be built over or around a gas pipe and no work should be carried out which results in a reduction of cover or protection over a pipe without consultation with and the agreement of WWU staff.

# 4. PROTECTION

Where any works cross or run in close proximity to WWU apparatus, periodic visits must be made by a WWU engineer. His requests for protection or support to the apparatus shall be immediately observed.

Suitably designed crossing points are to be constructed to the satisfaction of a WWU Engineer. These crossing points shall be clearly indicated by the erection of bunting and crossings at other places should be prevented.

Backfill material adjacent to WWU apparatus shall be soft fill or sand, containing no stones, bricks, or lumps of concrete etc., placed to a minimum 150mm around the mains and is to be well compacted by hand. No power consolidation shall take place above the main until 300mm of soft fill has been compacted by hand.

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# 5. DAMAGE TO COATINGS

Where a gas pipe is coated with special wrapping and this is damaged, even to a minor extent, WWU must be notified so that repairs can be made to prevent future corrosion and subsequent leakage. WHERE MINOR DAMAGE TO COATING IS REPORTED TO WWU PRIOR TO BACKFILL, THE NECESSARY REPAIR WILL BE MADE FREE OF CHARGE.

## **6. CATHODIC PROTECTION**

Where WWU apparatus is cathodically protected either by sacrificial anode or impressed current systems and where new apparatus is to be laid and is to be similarly protected, WWU will require to carry out interaction tests to determine whether its own system is adversely affected. The cost of any mutually agreed remedial action will be recharged to the authority installing the new apparatus. If any bond wires, test leads etc., used in connection with cathodic protection systems are damaged or found to be in poor condition, broken or disconnected, WWU must be notified prior to backfilling so that a repair can be made.

### 7. HOT WORKS

Even when a gas free atmosphere exists care must be taken when carrying out hot works in close proximity to gas plant in order to ensure that no damage occurs. Particular care must be taken to avoid damage by heat or naked flames to plastic gas pipes or to the protective coatings on other pipes.

### 8. DEMOLITION

Live gas services must be disconnected **PRIOR** to demolishing any property, arrangements must be made for WWU to check for the presence of any live gas services.

# 9. TREE PLANTING

WWU must be contacted prior to all tree-planting works above or near our apparatus. Further information can then be made available.

## 10. DEEP EXCAVATIONS

Any work involving deep excavations (1.5m or more) will be subject to the "Model Consultative Procedure for Pipeline Construction involving Deep Excavations". This may require the diversion of WWU apparatus prior to the commencement of your works. Detailed plans and cross sections will be required in order to determine the effect of these works on WWU apparatus.

### 11. RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS

Wind Turbines – WWU must be advised of any planned development of wind turbines in the vicinity of an above 2 bar gas pipelines to ensure the development does not impact on the future safe operation of the pipeline. Industry guidance states that any wind turbine must be sited no closer than 1.5 times the proposed height of the turbine mast away from the nearest edge of the pipeline.

Solar Farms – WWU must be contacted regarding planned solar farms being considered in the vicinity of WWU gas pipelines.

EWI – WWU must be contacted regarding any EWI scheme to ensure the scheme does not impact upon WWU's apparatus.

### 12. LEAKAGE FROM GAS MAINS OR SERVICES

If damage or leakage is caused or an escape of gas is smelt or suspected the following action should be taken at once:

- Remove all personnel from the immediate vicinity of the escape.
- Inform the 24hr Gas Emergency Service on 0800 111 999
- Prevent any approach by the public, prohibit smoking, and extinguish all naked flames or other sources of ignition for at least 15 metres from the leakage. Do not operate any electrical switches in the vicinity of the escape.
- Assist gas personnel, Police and/or Fire Services as requested.

# IN THE EVENT OF A LEAK, OBSERVE THE ABOVE BUT DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SEAL THE LEAK REMEMBER - IF IN DOUBT; SEEK ADVICE FROM WWU

# 13. BUILDING PROXIMITIES

There are minimum proximity distances for buildings from WWU mains depending on both the operating pressure and the material of the main. Advice should be sought from WWU prior to building works taking place to confirm these distances. For High Pressure pipelines you must seek further guidance from the HSE and Local Authority Planning team regarding their PADHI distances regarding building proximities as these may be in addition to WWU proximity distances for a pipeline.

Temporary buildings should not be placed above any gas pipe or within 3.0 metres of mains operating above 75mbar (medium, intermediate and high pressure mains) during construction activities and in no circumstances should permanent structures be built over any pipe transporting gas.

### 14. SITE RESPONSIBILITIES

All costs incurred by WWU for the repair of direct or consequential damage to gas plant will be rechargeable (with the exception of paragraph 5). WWU reserves the right to divert any affected apparatus or alternatively specify suitable protection of its apparatus. If proved necessary during the course of site works, the cost of which will be chargeable.

The above requirements do not relieve you of the responsibility of taking all precautions necessary to safeguard the Company's plant and to avoid risk to persons and property. The persons for whom the works are being undertaken, their servants, agents and contractors shall indemnify WWU servants, agents and contractors against any loss, damage, expenses, claims and actions incurred or brought against Wales & West Utilities, its servants, agents and contractors in consequence of the provision of these works and activities associated therewith or ancillary thereto.

| KEY TO MAPS | LP | Low Pressure          | CI | Cast Iron    |
|-------------|----|-----------------------|----|--------------|
|             | MP | Medium Pressure       | SI | Spun Iron    |
|             | IP | Intermediate Pressure | DI | Ductile Iron |
|             | HP | High Pressure         | PE | Polyethylene |
|             |    | <b>G</b>              | ST | Steel        |

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# **GTC Apparatus Not Found In Search Area**

**Our Plant Enquiry Service Ref: 1968519** 

Your Enquiry Ref: U21-5833

Thank you for your enquiry concerning apparatus in the vicinity of your proposed work. GTC can confirm that we have no apparatus in the vicinity but please note that other asset owners may have and ensure all utility owners have been consulted. For your records, the search area is shown in the attached map.

Please note our assets now include those owned and operated by:

- **GTC Pipelines Limited**
- **Independent Pipelines Limited**
- **Quadrant Pipelines Limited**
- **Electricity Network Company Limited**
- **Independent Power Networks Limited**
- Independent Water Networks Limited
- Open Fibre Networks Limited
- Independent Community Heating Limited

If you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

# Your sincerely,

GTC Plant Enquiry Service.

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