

Parker Collins House

Utilities Strategy

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 General

1.1.1 Lanmor Consulting has been appointed to undertake a review of the existing utilities in vicinity of the development, prepare an outline strategy and identify implications associated with procuring new potable water, foul water discharge, gas, electricity and telecommunications services to support the development at Parker Collins House. Portsmouth Road, Woking GU23 6JA.

#### 1.1.2 Purpose of the Strategy

- 1.1.3 This report has been prepared for the proposed development of 9 new residential properties. Guildford Borough Council's (GBC) planning application validation requires a Fibre Broadband and Utility Strategy to be submitted for all proposals of housing development with over 50 units or more than 1,000 square meters of floor space.
- 1.1.4 This strategy considers the provision of superfast broadband to the residential properties in the development, and the service provisions needed to the site from the wider infrastructure network.

#### 1.2 Site Description and Existing Conditions

1.2.1 The site is located in the village of Burnt Common, just off the intersection of Send Marsh Road and Portsmouth Road. The site is currently occupied by a single property. The surrounding area is mainly residential with open fields to the east/south. The site is approximately 7.5 km to the south east of Woking

#### 1.2.2 **Development Proposals**

1.2.3 The proposed development will be formed of a number of buildings to create 9 residential houses. Parking will be provided to the front of the main run of houses or on plot.

A new road will be provided off Send Marsh Road in the development to serve the proposed dwellings and parking area. The proposed layout for the development is shown on drawing 1348-03 included in Appendix A.



#### 2 ELECTRICY PROVISIONS

### 2.1 Existing Network

- 2.1.1 The electricity supply network in the vicinity of the site is owned and maintained by UK Power Networks (UKPN).
- 2.1.2 Existing electrical assets in the local area around the site include a low voltage cable running in the verge around the site from Portsmouth Road to Send Marsh Road. Low voltage cables are also shown on the opposite side of Send Marsh Road and a high voltage cable is indicated in Portsmouth Road crossing Send Marsh Road and running north.
- 2.1.3 The extent of the existing electricity apparatus in the area is included in Appendix B.

#### 2.2 Proposed Electrical Infrastructure

2.2.1 Initial discussions are underway with UKPN to confirm the proposed connection to LV network in Send Marsh Lane. The new connection to the development will be taken from the existing infrastructure and with final point of connection will be confirmed at design stage.



#### **3 GAS PROVISIONS**

### 3.1 Existing Network

- 3.1.1 The Gas supply network in the vicinity of the site is owned and maintained by Southern Gas Networks (SGN).
- 3.1.2 Existing assets in the local area around the site include a 63mm diameter main to the north of the site in Send Marsh Road and 180mm main also in Send Marsh Road on its northern side. There is an also a 125mm medium pressure main in the northern verge of Portsmouth Road to the east of the site.
- 3.1.3 The extent of the existing apparatus in the area is included in Appendix C.

#### 3.2 Proposed Gas Mains Infrastructure

3.2.1 Initial discussions are underway with SGN to confirm suitable points of connection to their network. New connections to the development will be taken from the existing infrastructure in Send Marsh Road. Confirmation is awaited from SNG if the 63mm main has capacity for the development or if a new connection need to be made to the 180mm main on the other side of the road.



#### 4 TELECOM PROVISIONS

#### 4.1 Existing Network

- 4.1.1 Openreach duct routes are located in the northern footway of Send Marsh Road, there are also duct routes indicated along Portsmouth Road under the footway and carriageway.
- 4.1.2 A copy of the Openreach infrastructure in the area of the site is included in Appendix D.

#### 4.2 Proposed Telecommunications Infrastructure

4.2.1 New supplies to the development will be provided from chamber directly opposite the site in the opposite footway in Send Marsh Road. This will connect to the new ducts to be installed on site to serve the dwellings.

#### 4.3 Superfast Broadband

#### Introduction

- 4.3.1 Superfast broadband provides much faster upload data speeds. Superfast broadband connections enable users to surf the internet, download files and stream data at speeds far higher than regular internet users
- 4.3.2 The UK Government's Broadband Delivery Guidance defined superfast broadband as providing data download speeds to premises in excess of 24 Mbps (Megabites per second). This can be achieved over fibre or copper infrastructure.
- 4.3.3 The government is now rolling out project Gigabit. The telecoms industry and government action, gigabit coverage across the UK has increased rapidly in recent years from one in ten households in 2019 to nearly eight in ten today.
- 4.3.4 Usually, superfast broadband is provided by a fibreoptic infrastructure. The fibreoptic allows rapid pulses of light to be transmitted through glass or plastic filaments. The receiver converts these pulses into binary code that can be read by computers etc.



#### **Types of Superfast Broadband Connections**

4.3.5 Broadband connections can be Fixed Line, Fixed Wireless, Satellite or Mobile. The most common is residential properties is Fixed Line, there are two main types of fibre broadband connections, fibre to cabinet and fibre to premises:

#### Fibre-to-Cabinet

- 4.3.6 Fibre to Cabinet involves laying fibre optic cables from the telephone exchange or distribution points in cabinets on streets or joint boxes, converters contained within them switch the signal for transmission through copper cabling to the premise.
- 4.3.7 When the premise is located over 100m from the distribution point reductions in download and upload speed can be experienced using this method.

#### **Fibre-to-Premises**

4.3.8 Fibre to Premises provides direct fibre optic connection from the exchange to the premises. Faster uploads. Faster upload and download speeds can be achieved using this method provides especially when the last cabinet/joint box is located over 100m from the premise.

#### **Superfast Broadband Benefits**

- 4.3.9 Homeowners and commercial tenants are attracted by the increased download speed that they will receive as the end user. Developers see the benefits of installing superfast broadband for marketing the property to potential homeowners and commercial tenants with no or very little capital outlay compared to traditional services.
- 4.3.10 Fibre optic infrastructure is also less susceptible data loss due to noise and interference than the more common copper networks.



#### 4.4 Broadband Infrastructure

#### **Existing Broadband Infrastructure**

- 4.4.1 Within the area there are a number of operators that offer superfast broadband connections, including Sky, Voadaphone, talk talk and Now, all offering speeds of up 67Mb.
- 4.4.2 British Telecom also offer fibre broadband in the area providing speeds of up to 36Mb. Openreach current infrastructure around the site includes a network of underground cables, the nearest cables to the application site are located on the opposite side of Send Marsh Road to the development.
- 4.4.3 The infrastructure in the area will support the installation of fibre broadband to the door of each property, this will involve the crossing of Send Marsh Road into the site with new ducts / infrastructure. A copy of the Openreach infrastructure in the area of the site is included in Appendix B.

#### **Proposed Broadband Delivery Options**

- 4.4.4 The development can be supplied with broadband infrastructure by a number of providers. The preferred option is to enter in to a contract with Sky for the provision of broadband to the site.
- 4.4.5 OFCOM require that every home and business in the UK has the legal right to request a decent, affordable broadband connection.
- 4.4.6 Openreach states that:- "We're committed to building the best digital future for the UK, so we've announced an ambitious plan to deliver Ultrafast full Fibre Broadband to 25 million homes and businesses by December 2026, if the right investment conditions are in place. Our plans support the Government's ambition of making Gigabit capable broadband available to more than 85% of the country and, in doing this, we're determined to be as open and transparent about our build programme as we can be."



- 4.4.7 To support this Openreach say "even if we don't have major plans for an area, we may still be building fibre for some customers. For example we connect new housing developments to fibre all the time and right across the UK."
- 4.4.8 The proposed fibre connection will be provided from the wider infrastructure network to a fibre joint cabinet, from this point a fibre connection will be made to a customer splice point and an optical network termination within each of the dwellings.

#### **Preferred Delivery of Broadband**

- 4.4.9 Discussions are on going with broadband providers, but as the development is only at outline stage, it difficult to give any commitments to providers and for them to agree proposals until the form of development is firmed up and the date when installation is required is known.
- 4.4.10 It is envisaged that discussions will continue with the various providers through to the detail design stage before a final discussion is made. However, at this stage the preferred option is to have Sky supply the premises, with a fall back with BT should the preferred supplier not be able to fulfil their commitment.



#### 5 POTABLE WATER PROVISIONS

#### 5.1 Existing Network

- 5.1.1 The water authority for the area is Affinity Water
- 5.1.2 Surrounding the site is a network of freshwater mains, to the south in Portsmouth road the service record drawings are showing a 180mm and 125mm diameter water main. Also within Send Marsh Road there a 3 inch main shown running across the front of the site before crossing the road to the opposite footway.
- 5.1.3 A copy of Affinity Water record drawings for freshwater infrastructure in the area of the site is included in Appendix E.

#### 5.2 Proposed Telecommunications Infrastructure

5.2.1 A request has been made to Affinity Water to ascertain if the existing 3 inch service in Send Marsh Road has the capacity to serve the development or if a connection to the mains in Portsmouth need to be made. For the benefit of this assessment, it is assume that the new service to the development will connect from the main in Send Marsh Lane.



#### 6 SEWARAGE PROVISIONS

#### 6.1 Existing Network

- 6.1.1 The drainage authority for the area is Thames Water they own and maintain the adopted surface water and foul sewer in the area.
- 6.1.2 Thames Water sewer records do not show the presence of any sewer in the vicinity of the development. The nearest foul sewer is located in Send Marsh Road to the North of the Site. This sewer is shown as a 375mm diameter foul sewer and runs north in Send Marsh Road.
- 6.1.3 A copy of the Thames Water adopted sewers in the area of the site is included in Appendix F.

#### 6.2 Proposed Foul Sewage Infrastructure

- 6.2.1 A separate surface water drainage strategy has been prepared for the development that addresses the discharge and connection for the surface water disposal from the development.
- 6.2.2 The proposed foul strategy will involve the installation of a network of pipes on site and connection out of the site up Send Marsh Road to the adopted Thames Water sewer in the north.



#### 7 SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

7.1.1 At this outline stage of the development there is nothing to suggest that new service connections from the existing apparatus located in area cannot be provided. The final points of connection and capacity will be confirmed as the development proposals are firmed up. Drawing 231743/US/01 included in Appendix G shows the anticipated route of new service to the development and within the site.



## **APPENDIX A**

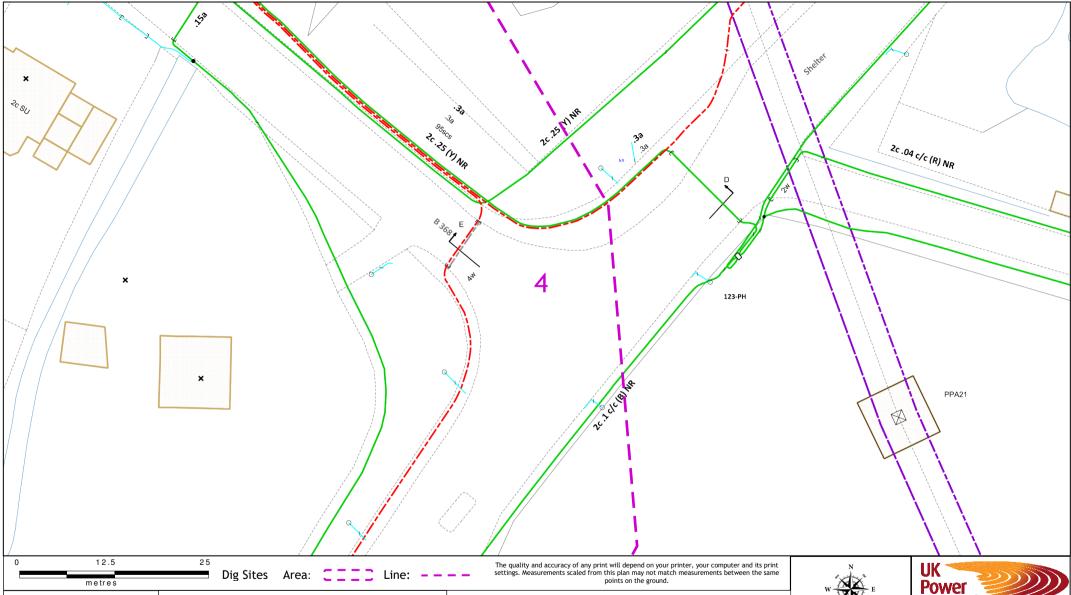
Drawing 1348-03 – Propsoed Development Layout





# **APPENDIX B**

**Electricity Infrastructure Records** 



This plan must be used with the attached 'Symbols' document.

Date Requested: 24/07/2023 Job Reference: 30264699 Site Location: 504186 155161 Requested by: Mr Ben Evans

Your Scheme/Reference: LM

208208/SJ

Scale: 1:500 (When plotted at A4)

- 1. The position of the apparatus shown on this drawing is believed to be correct but the original landmarks may have been altered since the apparatus was installed.
- 2. The exact position of the apparatus should be verified use approved cable avoidance tools prior to excavation using suitable hand tools.
- 3. It is essential that trial holes are carefully made avoiding the use of mechanical tools or picks until the exact location of all the cables have been determined.
- 4. It must be assumed that there is a service cable into each property, lamp column and street sign.
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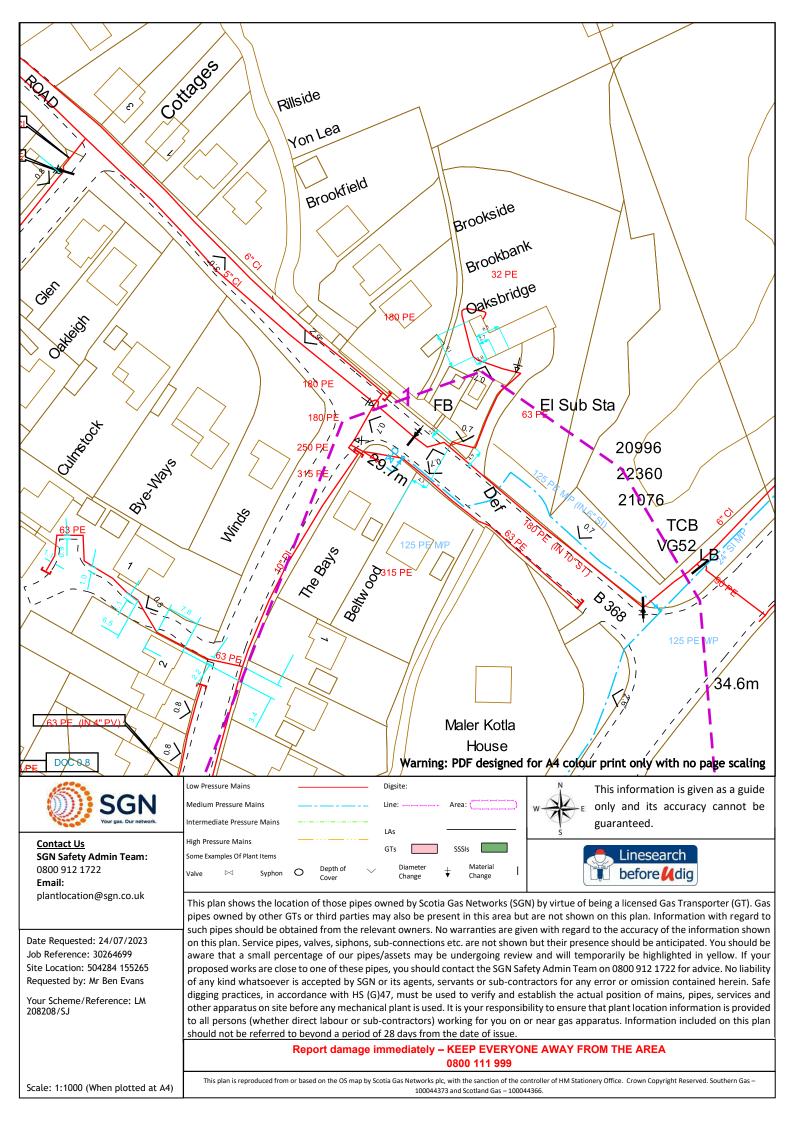
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## **APPENDIX C**

**Gas Infrastructure Records** 

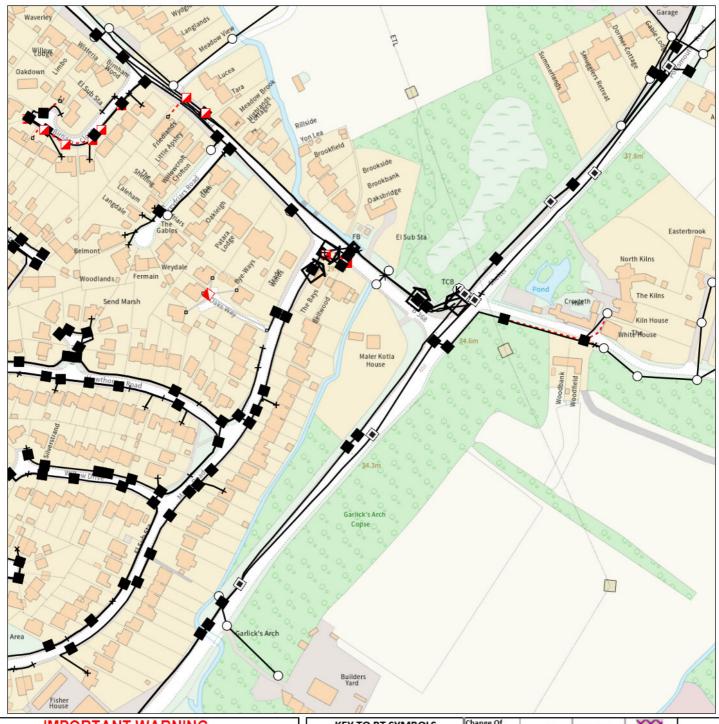




## **APPENDIX D**

**Telecom Infrastructure Records** 

# Maps by email Plant Information Reply



IMPORTANT WARNING
Information regarding the location of BT apparatus is given for your assistance and is intended for general guidance only. No guarantee is given of its accuracy. It should not be relied upon in the event of excavations or other works being made near to BT apparatus which may exist at various depths and may deviate from the marked route



#### **CLICK BEFORE YOU DIG**

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Manhole			Other proposed plant is shown using dashed lines.					
Cabinet	Û	Û	BT Symbols not listed above may be disregarded.  Existing BT Plant may not be recorded.  Information valid at time of preparation. Maps are only valid for 90 days after the date of publication.					
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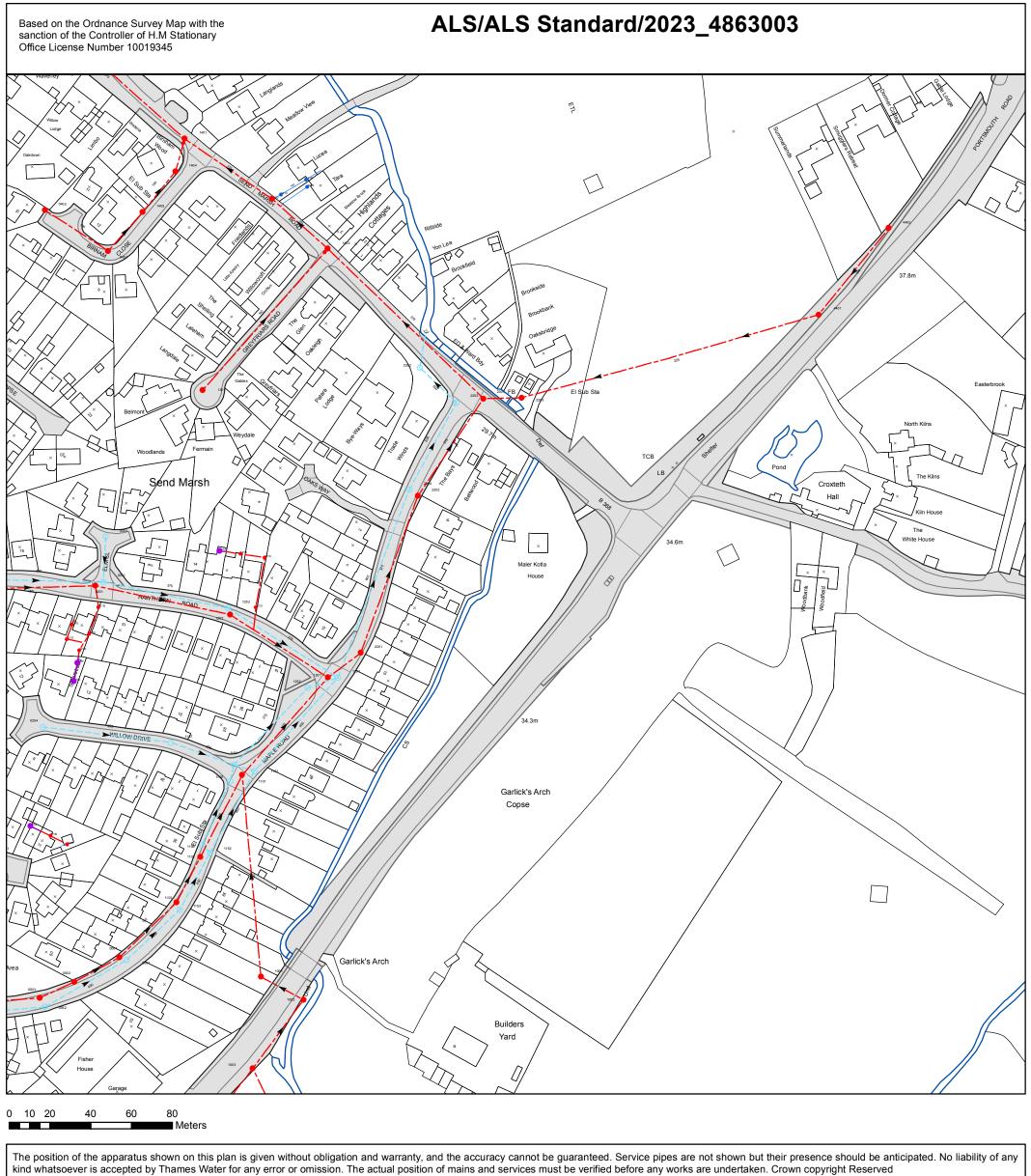
## **APPENDIX E**

Fresh Water Infrastructure Records



# **APPENDIX F**

Sewerage Infrastructure Records



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# **APPENDIX G**

Drawing 231743/US/01 – Proposed Service Routes.

