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Dear Geraint Roberts

Thank you for your enquiry dated Wednesday, 12 September 2018

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.

Map Response  
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@westernpower.co.uk

**LinesearchbeforeUdig**  
Help Desk 0845 437 7365

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.  
Safe working procedures should be defined and practiced

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.

Western Power Distribution PLC  
South West - 02366894  
South Wales - 02366985  
East Midlands - 02366923  
West Midlands - 03600574

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)

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England and Wales

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.

Registered Office:  
Avonbank  
Feeder Road  
Bristol  
BS2 0TB

Yours sincerely  
WPD Map Response Team

## Contact Us

### Emergency or Power Supply issues

In an emergency call 0800 6783 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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:enquiries@linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk)

Website [www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk](http://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.

<http://www.westernpower.co.uk/Health-and-Safety/Public-Safety>

- **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.