

Definition of Report Terms

Affected Plant – Where plant records indicate that the utility has plant in or near to the site.

Not Affected – Where the utility or we (using our maps and resources) have determined that there is no plant in or near the site.

No Response Received – Despite our chasing we are still to receive a response from the utility, you will get further reiterations of the report until it is complete, with the exception of the Council where in some cases they never respond.

Vodafone & Virgin Media

Virgin Media Option: We find that Virgin are affected by a lot of our searches particularly in urban areas you should only not search Virgin where you are happy with the risk or have certainty they are not in the site area.

Vodafone Option: We find that Vodafone are affected in less than 10% of enquires but this increases in urban area and the South East particularly in London.

NB. Should you change your mind and require us to search any or all of these three after you have received your report or within 90 days of receiving your report we will process any or all of the above with you only paying the disbursement charge levied by the relevant utility. In the event that you have not received your Invoice then the additional costs will be added. In cases where your Invoice has been issued then a new one will be issued at the point at which you instruct us to complete the additional search.

Acronyms Key

Electric			
DNO	Distribution Network Operator	KVA	Kilo Volt Amperes
IDNO	Independent Distribution Network Operator	MVA	Mega Volt Amperes
ICP	Independent Connections Provider	AC	Alternating Current
LV	Low Voltage	S/S	Substation
HV	High Voltage	PMT	Pole Mounted Transformer
EHV	Extra High Voltage		
Water			
SLO	Self Lay Organisation	WRAS	Water Regulation Advisory Scheme
Incumbent	Local Water or Water & Sewerage Company		
Gas			
GT	Gas Transporter	LP	Low Pressure
IGT	Independent Gas Transporter	MP	Medium Pressure
UIP	Utility Infrastructure Provider	IP	Intermediate Pressure
PRS	Pressure Reducing Station (Governor)	HP	High Pressure
Others			
AP	Apogee Property & Utility Consultants	CATV	Cable Television
PE	Polyethylene	FTTP	Fibre to the premise
DI	Ductile Iron	FTTC	Fibre to the cabinet
ST	Steel	l/min	Litres per minute
CI	Cast Iron	H&S	Health & Safety
SI	Spun Iron	HBF	House Builders Federation
HPPE	High Performance Polyethylene	TPO	Tree Preservation Order
MDPE	Medium Density Polyethylene	TBC	To be confirmed
GRP	Glass Reinforced Plastic	N/A	Not Applicable

Important Information

Relevant Documents

The following documents must be referred to before work commences in the vicinity of existing services:

- Health and Safety Booklet HS (GS) 6 Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines.
- General Safety Measures to Avoid Injury and Damage to Gas Apparatus.
- HSE Guidance Note HS (G) 47 Avoiding Danger from Underground Services.
- National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) Publications Vol. 1.
- CDM Regulations 2015.
- PAS 128:2014 Specification for Underground Utility Detection, Verification and Location.

Basic Risk Assumption for all Services

When dealing with existing services the following assumptions must always be accepted:

- All existing buildings have gas, water electric and telecoms supplies to them until proven otherwise.
- Any supply to an existing building, no matter how old the building is or how deteriorated the supply may appear, is taken to be 'live' until proven otherwise.
- All open land, vacant lots and derelict sites are deemed to have services beneath them until proven otherwise.
- The only acceptable proof that a service is 'dead' and can be removed is written confirmation from the owner of the service.
- The quality and accuracy of information provided by utilities about their existing plant is indicative and no warranty is made as to its accuracy. Therefore, any utility asset maps and/or marked up drawings provided by each utility must only be used as a guide and the actual location of plant should be verified by CAT Scan GPR survey or trial holes before construction works commence.

Please note not all service connections are shown on the utility asset maps.

Plant Found Within Site Boundaries

Where utility plant is found within the site boundary, it is recommended for the client to check for legal easements or wayleaves a Wayleave search service is available from us please ask for a quotation.

Diversions of plant within site boundaries can be expensive and time consuming to relocate. Further investigation of costs and timescales are recommended. Please ask us for further details.