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Re: Havant Borough Council - Planning Application(APP/16/01110) - North Street, Emsworth

Dear Planning Services ,

Thank you for your enquiry received 31/10/2016, indicating that an application for planning permission has been made for the above development.

Although SGN has a high pressure gas pipeline in the vicinity, the safety and integrity of our assets will not be affected by the proposal. However, should your proposal change please contact us immediately and we will re-assess.

The pipeline is of prime importance to the gas supplies of this area. It is essential that you comply with the restrictions detailed below and in the document SGN/WI/SW2 in order to protect our plant and equipment and for the safety of your own operatives. A SGN representative must be contacted before any works commence.

- 1) No mechanical excavation is allowed within 3 metres either side of pipeline.
- 2) No plant or storage of equipment shall be made within any easement strip.
- 3) If any metallic pipes or cables are being laid in proximity to gas pipelines then interference testing will be required, the cost of which to be borne by the promoter of the works. A minimum clearance of 600mm is required.
- 4) All precautions stated in publication SGN/WI/SW2 (Safe Working in the Vicinity of High Pressure Gas Pipelines) shall be fully complied with in all respects. Acceptance of SW2 shall be acknowledged by the responsible site person signing and returning the form Appendix A (back page) to the SGN representative contacted in (7).
- 5) No thrust boring shall take place within three meters of the pipeline.
- 6) All planting within the easement strip should comply with 'Notes for Guidance on Tree Proximity'.
- 7) Before commencing work on site you must contact our Pipeline Maintenance Section on the number above at least three days before work commences. A Southern Gas Networks representative will then contact you to arrange to visit site. Details of working near to high-pressure gas pipelines can then be discussed.
- 8) Pipeline sections that are planned and agreed by SGN to be permanently covered (i.e. by road surface) will require a coating survey. SGN will repair any indicated coating defects free of charge. The survey costs will be borne by the promoter of the works. Prior to any surface cover cathodic protection coupons and reference cells will require installation at no cost to SGN.
- 9) This pipeline is cathodically protected and as such has test cables located in test posts, were these to be lost

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through this work we would look to you for remedial action at no cost to SGN.

10) Intrusive construction methods will require an agreed method statement prior to work starting.

11) Any extended period of SGN site supervision may incur charges to you. These will be charged based on visiting times, materials and occurrences. You will be informed when these come into effect and be invoiced direct.

12) Any piling or boreholes within 15 metres of the pipeline may require vibration monitoring. No piling or boreholing must take place within 3 metres of the pipeline.

Please ensure these conditions, together with any relevant drawings are forwarded for use by the construction personnel of your works.

Please let me know if SGN can supply you with technical or other information that may be of assistance to you in determination of the application.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Smith
Team Manager

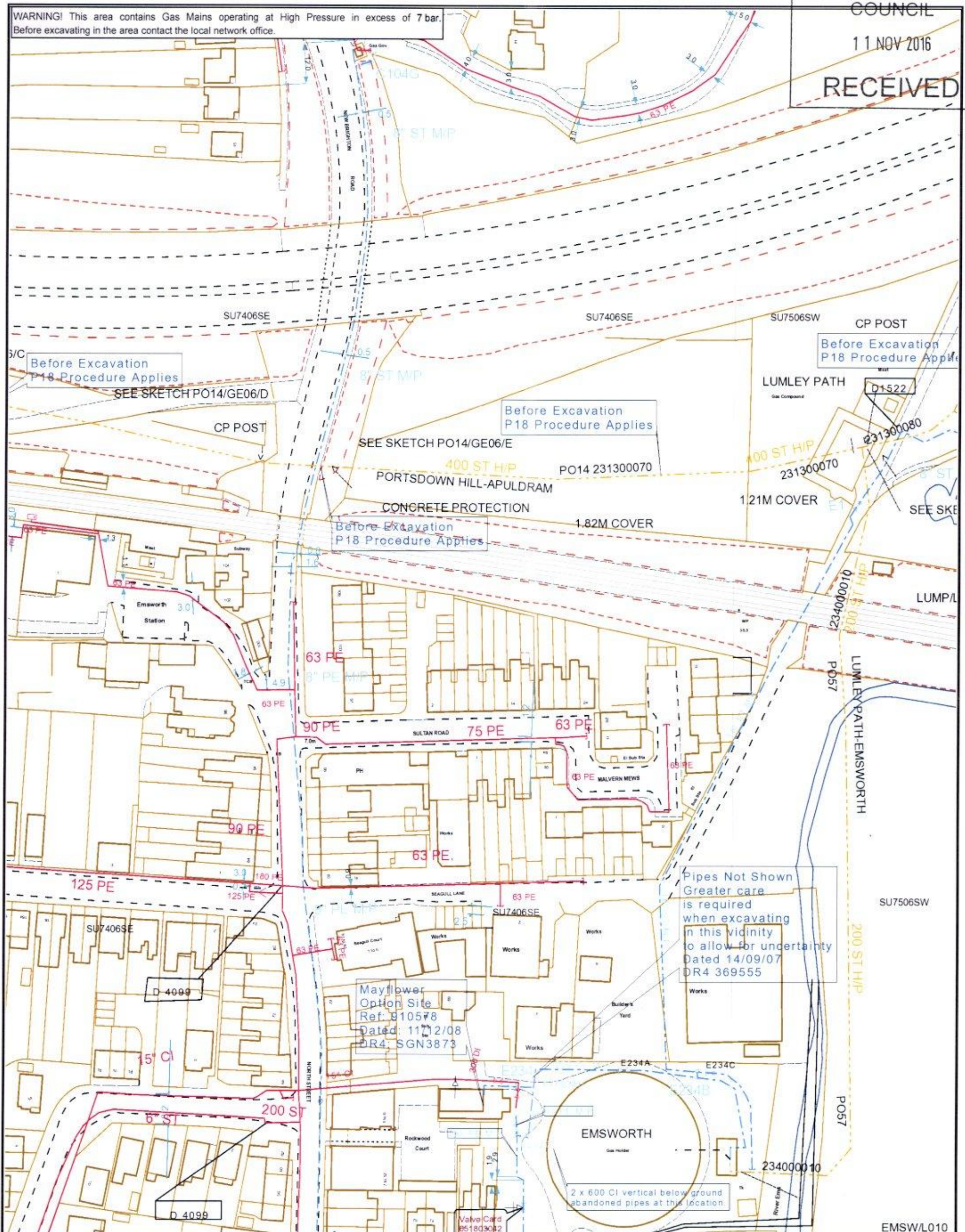
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Some examples of Plant Items

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Syphon

Depth of
Cover

Diameter

Change

Material

Change

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**Safety Management Framework
Work Instruction for Safe Working in the Vicinity of
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Roles and responsibilities

The responsibilities listed below are a summary and must be read in conjunction with the instructions contained within this procedure.

Roles	Responsibilities
• Competent Person • Registered under SCO as a Competent Person • Team Leader or Supervisor for the works • On site at all times while work is carried out • In direct control of the works undertaken on site	• Responsible for ensuring compliance with the approved Method Statement, risk assessment, Permit to Work and relevant procedures • Responsible for confirming appropriate Permits to Work are in place at all times
• Controller of the Works • The person with the authority for managing the works to be undertaken within the vicinity of a HP pipeline or associated installation • The [CDM] Principal Contractor or main contractor for the works with overall responsibility to ensure the work is undertaken safely	• Responsible for providing suitable risk assessments and Method Statements • Responsible for accepting the Site Document Control Form before work begins • Responsible for ensuring the works are undertaken in compliance with the accepted Method Statement • Responsible for ensuring workers and machine operators are suitably competent and have been briefed, and understand the Method Statements, relevant procedures and risk assessments • Responsible for ensuring suitable arrangements are in place for supervision and monitoring of the works [in addition to the role of the SGN SW/2 technician], including works undertaken by sub-contractors • Nominate a suitable competent person for the role of SCO Competent Person for works requiring a Permit to Work
• SW/2 Technician • Competent & Qualified Pipelines Technician [as per Appendix D of this procedure] • Qualified & competent to operate high accuracy locator tools • <u>Cannot</u> be the Competent Person for the works	• See Appendix D • Responsible for liaising with those undertaking the works • Responsible for locating and suitably marking the pipeline • Responsible for establishing the 'Hazard Zone' 'Danger Zone' and depth of the pipeline • Responsible for monitoring all excavation activities on site, including trial holes • Reviewing and accepting a satisfactory Risk Assessment and Method Statement provided by the undertaker of the works prior to any works commencing for works not requiring a Permit to Work • <u>Cannot</u> authorise the use of mechanical excavators within the 3m 'Hazard Zone' but must be on site to monitor all mechanical excavation within the Hazard Zone following approval by the Authorising Engineer • Responsible for stopping works if he/she identifies any deviation from the approved Method Statement & Permit to work, and escalating any non-conformance to the AE



Roles	Responsibilities
Authorising Engineer - Registered under SCO as an SW/2 Authorising Engineer - In direct communication with the Project Manager or controller of the works	- Reviewing and accepting a satisfactory Risk Assessment and Method Statement for any works using mechanical excavators within the 3.0m hazard zone of a HP pipeline - Selects the Competent Person for the proposed works - If required, issues a Permit to work in accordance with GDN/PM/SCO/2 - Can authorise the use of Mechanical Excavators within the 'Hazard Zone' in accordance with Mechanical Excavation CANNOT authorise Mechanical Excavation within the Danger Zone - Responsible for briefing the Competent Person and the Pipeline Technician on the accepted Method Statement and the Permit to work requirements
SGN Asset Manager - Custodian of relevant pipeline records - Reports to Head of Network Management (Transmission)	Provide all relevant Pipeline information and records when requested by the SW/2 Technician, Authorising Engineer, or Controller of the Works
Network Controller - As described by SGNs Safe Control of Operations procedures	- Responsible for verifying the AE & CP are registered on the SCO database for the relevant activities (e.g. deep excavation, working in the vicinity of HP pipelines etc.) - Responsible for checking for conflict between SCO projects

Safe Control of Operations	PPE
See the Safe Control of Operations [SCO] section of this procedure	Appropriate PPE must be worn at all times by all persons on site including: - Fire retardant overalls - High Visibility Jacket - Safety Boots - Hard Hat - Eye Protection - Gloves - Hearing Protection when required - Personal Atmosphere Monitor (PAM) capable of detecting Natural Gas

Note. SCO means Safe Control of Operations as described by SGNs procedure GDN/PM/SCO/1



1. Nature of Works

Works planned to be carried out in the vicinity of SGN's high pressure pipelines are works near enough to require control measures to be identified to prevent any damage to the pipeline.

Works on High Pressure Pipelines will be carried out by SGN directly or by an appointed contractor. Works in the vicinity, but unrelated to the pipeline can be carried out by a landowner, a third party, or an appointed contractor. These parties may not be familiar with the requirements for safe working in the vicinity of pipelines, therefore, it is necessary to communicate the requirements for safe working when working near pipelines and to provide contact details for any enquiries. The SW/2 Technician will liaise with those undertaking the work to determine the nature of the works and to provide information on safe working and how to avoid causing damage to the pipeline.

The following activities are not covered in this procedure and the SGN Asset Manager must be consulted; advice can be found in SGN/WI/DP/4 & SGN/SP/GM/4;

- Piling within 15m of the pipeline
- Demolition within 150m
- Blasting within 250m
- Quarrying or landfilling within 100m
- Deep mining within 1km
- Pressure testing within 8m
- Siting of Wind Turbines
- Siting of Solar Panel Arrays

2. Undertaker of the works

Before any work begins the undertaker of the works and all persons responsible for managing and supervising the works must be identified. This is to allow confirmation that they are competent, and to ensure that the Method Statements are provided by an appropriate person who is also responsible for ensuring that they are complied with.

The SW/2 Technician must determine the relationships between the undertaker, the main contractor and sub-contractors and identify a suitable named person as the Controller of the Works (see Roles and responsibilities on Page 4).

It is the responsibility of the SW/2 Technician to identify who the undertaker of works has nominated as their responsible person to liaise with, regarding Permit's to Work (PTW). The Authorising Engineer (AE) is then required to verify this person is an appropriate person for works requiring a PTW. This person will then be referred to as the Controller of the Works.

The Controller of the Works is usually the [CDM] Principal Contractor or main contractor for the works with overall responsibility to ensure the work is undertaken safely.

The principle or main contractor is responsible for providing the Risk Assessment and Method Statement, and to assess the competency of the proposed Competent Person (CP) where SGN Safe Control of Operations (SCO) procedures apply. They are also responsible for ensuring all workers and machine operators involved in the works are suitably competent, are fully briefed, and understand the Method Statements, relevant procedures and, where applicable, the requirements for the PTW.



For all works in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines and associated installations SCO procedures will apply. The principal contractor or main contractor should nominate a suitably CP to be registered on SGN's SCO register as a CP to receive a PTW. The Controller of the Works must sign the [Site Document Control Form](#) referencing relevant Method Statement, procedures, and instruction that apply to the works.

The Controller of the Works must provide a suitably competent team leader or supervisor for the works who must remain on site whenever work is being carried out within the hazard zone ([Hazard and Danger Zones](#)).

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3. Safe Control of Operations [SCO]

For works carried out on pipelines the SCO process must be followed in accordance with GDN/PM/SCO/1 and GDN/PM/SCO/2. A PTW must be issued by an SCO registered SW/2 AE to an appropriate CP. The SW/2 Technician cannot be the SCO Competent Person.

For works being undertaken by third parties and contractors, the Controller of the Works must nominate a suitable competent person to be temporarily registered under SCO as an SW/2 Competent Person for the duration of the planned works.

For this to be carried out the prospective candidate must be able to provide demonstrable evidence of suitable experience and training. They must be briefed on the safe working practices detailed in this procedure and also receive the SCO/2 briefing on the PTW system and roles and responsibilities briefing from the AE. Evidence of these briefs, in addition to evidence of sufficient training and experience must then be presented to the Responsible Engineer to allow him to be satisfied that the person can be temporarily registered under SCO for the duration of the works.

The CP **must** be on site at all times when work is being undertaken that is subject to a PTW.

For works being carried out by third parties or contractors [including SGN contractors] that requires a PTW, the SW/2 Technician must also be on site to monitor the works and ensure the Method Statement and PTW is being adhered to at all times. If the SW/2 Technician observes any deviation they must stop the works immediately and escalate to the AE.

Any PTW issued must reference the Method Statement produced for the planned works. The AE must attend site to assess the risks and the suitability of the proposed Method Statement.

The AE must be satisfied that the Method Statement adequately describes a safe method of working to prevent damage to the pipeline and any fittings, standpipes, and connections.

For works being carried out near to, but not within the hazard zones, the undertaker of works does not require a PTW. In this situation the pipeline must still be located and marked with the hazard zones established. The undertaker of works must be provided with all the relevant safety information regarding the pipeline, and be briefed on permitted working methods by the SW/2 Technician. This interaction must be captured using the [Site Document Control Form](#).

For any of the activities listed below a **Permit to Work is required**:

- Mechanical excavation inside the hazard zones including backfilling
- Use of powered hand tools inside the inner hazard zone and danger zone, including vibro-tampers for backfilling
- Use of vacuum excavators in the hazard zone
- Any 'trenchless techniques', through, or under the hazard zones
- Any lifting operations within the hazard zone
- Any 'Hot Works' i.e. welding, cutting, burning within the easement
 - Hot Works in the vicinity of pipelines are controlled by T/SP/P9 welding procedures and NRO's in accordance with SCO.

A PTW is not required for hand digging, unless it is deemed appropriate by the AE.



4. Agricultural Activities

Pipelines are designed to operate safely beneath routine agricultural conditions including ploughing to a depth of 500mm without monitoring by SGN.

An SW/2 Technician must attend site and assess the risk of damaging the pipeline for deep cultivation works such as mole or chisel ploughing exceeding 500mm or the installation of land drainage or other services at depths greater than 500mm. A PTW is required if mechanical excavators or other mechanical equipment is to be used within the hazard and danger zones to depths greater than 500mm. The position of fittings and standpipes must be confirmed by hand excavated trial holes and mechanical excavators or other mechanical equipment must not be used within 1.5m of fittings and standpipes.



Figure 1. Chisel Plough

Ditch maintenance is a common agricultural activity and, whilst the objective of this work is not to expose the pipeline, there is a risk of damage to the pipeline. SGN must be notified about ditch maintenance using mechanical excavators and a SW/2 Technician must attend site to locate the pipeline and to discuss the work to be carried out and to ascertain the depth of material to be removed from the ditch. If it is reasonably practicable to do so the ditch should be maintained by hand excavation across the inner hazard zone and danger zones.

For all ditch clearing works using mechanical excavators or similar, the SW/2 Technician must check pipeline records to confirm the position and indicated depth of the pipeline at the time it was constructed to determine if the ditch existed at the time of construction and if the pipeline depth of cover was

increased for the ditch crossing. The SW/2 Technician must also check pipeline records for the presence of stabblings or fittings. The SW/2 Technician must use an approved pipeline locator to establish the position and indicated depth of cover of the pipeline. If the pipeline cover at the ditch crossing was increased during construction enabling safe maintenance of the ditch it is not necessary to locate the pipeline by hand excavated trial holes provided that:

- There are not any fittings or standpipes in the vicinity of the works
- There is evidence to show that the ditch existed at the time of the pipeline construction
- The ground levels have not been reduced
- At least 750mm can be maintained between the new invert level [bottom of the cleared ditch] and the indicated top of the pipeline
- The bottom of the ditch is probed to at least 500mm below the new invert level by the SW/2 Technician to confirm the pipeline is not within 500mm of the new invert level before work with a mechanical excavator starts
- The machine operator is experienced and has good visibility of the bucket and bottom of the ditch
- An SW/2 Technician must be on site when the excavator is used in the hazard and danger zones [even if a PTW is not issued].

A PTW is not required if all of the above conditions are met, otherwise a PTW is required and a SW/2 Technician must be on site when the mechanical excavator is used in the hazard and danger zones.



Figure 2. Ditch Maintenance



5. Competency

All persons carrying out work in proximity to SGN's high pressure pipelines and associated installations must be suitably trained and competent. The AE and CP must be registered under SCO for SW/2 works.

If an AE allows the use of a mechanical excavator in the Hazard Zone ([Hazard and Danger Zones](#)), he/she must satisfy himself that the contractor's supervisor/team leader is sufficiently competent, and can demonstrate clear understanding of the requirements for safe working and the potential danger of damaging the pipeline or any associated fittings.

6. Records

Prior to any work commencing all available records must be sought for the assets in the area. This must include, where available, In-Line Inspection (ILI) data, which can provide valuable information regarding the presence of fittings on the pipeline. Records must also be consulted regarding the potential for defective welds on the pipeline (T/PR/P/18).

7. Pipeline Locating

Prior to any work commencing the SW/2 Technician is responsible for locating and marking the pipeline. All available mapping and pipeline records must be consulted to establish information on the depth of cover and any fittings or attachments on the pipeline. Where available the ILI data for the pipeline must be checked. Pipeline locating must be carried out using a suitably approved and calibrated locator with a pipe depth measurement accuracy of $\pm 5\%$ of depth for cover up to 5 metres.

In all circumstances, even if a third party locates and marks out a pipeline, the SGN SW/2 Technician will locate the position of the pipeline as described below.

Once located the pipeline must be pegged out at a minimum of 3m intervals. In addition to the 3m intervals a peg must be positioned at the point of every change of direction and at every change in depth of cover, there must be no bends between pegs. Marking out of the pipeline must also extend for a distance of 15m laterally along the pipeline from either side of the planned works.

Proposed work areas must be marked out, clearly showing the hazard zone and danger zones and have safe entry and exit points established to avoid crossing the pipeline where possible. A check for any overhead services must also be carried out.

8. Trial Holes

All trial holes must be excavated by hand to prove the depth and location of the pipeline. They must be carried out if a mechanical excavator is to be used within the hazard zones (see [Hazard and Danger Zones](#)), and it is the responsibility of the AE to determine how many must be carried out. Direction changes [i.e. bends] within the work area must be confirmed and the presence of fittings and standpipes must be confirmed by hand excavation only.

For works outside of the hazard zones it is the SW/2 Technician's responsibility to determine if there is a need for trial holes. This will depend on the nature of the work being undertaken and the plant and equipment being used and the proximity to the assumed position of the pipeline.



Figure 3. Example Pipeline Locator



If mechanical excavators, trenchless technologies, auger boring equipment or any other powered plant [other than routine agricultural cultivation up to 500mm depth] are being used close to the hazard zone, it is recommended that at least one hand excavated trial hole is undertaken to prove the reliability of the assumed pipeline position and depth; this is essential if there are fittings and/or standpipes on the pipeline.

All available pipeline records, information, site conditions and recorded depth of cover must be taken into account prior to any excavation works.

The excavation of all trial holes must be supervised by the SGN SW/2 Technician, and must be carried out by hand excavation only.

If trial holes are required they must be undertaken before any mechanical excavation, including [Top Soil Stripping](#) is authorised within the hazard zones.



Figure 4. Hand Excavated Trial Hole

If the pipeline depth is greater than 1.5m cover this may create practical difficulties in hand excavating trial holes see [Trial Holes Requiring Deep Excavations](#).

Trial holes **may** not be required for [Highway Surface Maintenance](#) (see this section for further information).

Powered hand tools can be used for excavating trial holes, if it is necessary in accordance with the [Powered Hand Tools](#) section of this procedure and a PTW may be required.

A PTW is not required for hand excavation of trial holes [non-powered tools].

9. Trial Holes Requiring Deep Excavations

For the purpose of this instruction a deep excavation is considered to be greater than 1.5m depth of cover. It is recognised that there are practical difficulties in hand excavating in excavations greater than 1.5m depth, especially if the ground surface area is greater than 4.0m². However, to prevent damage to pipelines, [Mechanical Excavation](#) is **not** permitted until the location and depth of the pipe and any fittings/standpipes are located by hand excavated trial holes.

Vacuum excavators as described in [Use of Vacuum Excavators](#) are permitted to assist with removing loosened soil or ground material for excavating deep trial holes. A PTW is required for use within the [Hazard and Danger Zones](#).



If it is not practicable, or it is not safe to use a vacuum excavator to assist with deep trial holes, a mechanical excavator can be used to provide mechanical assistance in the hazard zone (see [Mechanical Assistance](#)); this must be authorised by the Head of Network (Transmission) in accordance with the following:

- Under **no circumstances** is a mechanical excavator permitted to be used to excavate or to assist directly over a pipeline or within the danger zone (0.6m) or within a 1.5m radius of fittings and standpipes, even after exposing the pipe or fittings.
- A site specific [Risk Assessment](#) and [Method Statement](#) must be prepared, in accordance with this procedure.
- Consideration must be given to ground stability, taking into account the laden weight of any plant to be used.
- The Method Statement must detail the arrangements for trench support, access and egress, and permitted proximity of heavy plant to the excavation.
- The form in Appendix C of this procedure must be completed with all relevant information, as indicated on the form and submitted to the Head of Network Management (Transmission) for consideration. The request is only approved when the Head of Network Management (Transmission) has returned a signed copy of the Appendix C approval form.
- Following authorisation by the Head of Network Management (Transmission) a PTW must be issued for the trial holes **only** (see [Safe Control of Operations \[SCO\]](#)). Additional PTW's will be required for further mechanical excavation inside the Hazard Zone following confirmation of the pipeline location and depth.
- An SW/2 Technician must remain on site whilst work is being undertaken to excavate the deep trial hole.

- The PTW must specify all proximity restrictions and reference the Method Statement and Risk Assessment.
- All workers and machine operators involved in the operation must be briefed and a briefing register signed by all persons must be kept.



10. Risk Assessment

The inherent risk arising from damaging a high pressure gas pipeline is severe. A detailed site specific risk assessment must be completed for each activity to be carried out to ensure the pipeline is not damaged. The risk assessment should take into account:

- The complexity of the pipeline configuration
- The presence of fittings, standpipes and connections Where available in line inspection (ILI) data must be used as part of risk assessment to identify if connections, fittings or standpipes are present.
- The depth of cover of the pipeline
- Any existing pipe protection
- The operating pressure of the pipeline
- Condition of the girth welds on the pipeline (T/PR/P/18)
- The proximity of the planned work to the pipeline
- The activity to be undertaken in close proximity to the pipeline, in particular, the use of plant and equipment that is hazardous to pipelines [e.g. mechanical excavators]
- The competency and experience of workers and machine operators
- The level of supervision and monitoring
- Environment conditions such as adverse weather and low visibility [e.g. snow conditions] that could lead to errors of judgement
- The presence and proximity of any other hazardous utility apparatus
- The controls to manage the risk to an acceptable level



11. Method Statement

All works in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines and associated installations require a Method Statement to be produced. For works requiring a PTW the Method Statement must be provided to and if satisfactory accepted by, the AE. For works not requiring a PTW the SW/2 Technician must check and if satisfactory accept the Method Statement.

For works requiring a PTW, the Method Statement and Risk assessment must be site specific. The Method Statement will describe the work program in detail, and will include all findings from trial hole excavations and the interrogation of all available records including, where available, ILI data. Special consideration must be given to the presence of fittings, standpipes and connections, which are more vulnerable to damage. It may be necessary to have a separate Method Statement for the preliminary phase of undertaking trial holes and the Method Statement for the main work phase may have to be modified or amended following trial holes.

The Method Statement must also include a detailed description of what safety precautions and control measures are to be employed to prevent damage to the pipeline. The Method Statement must also include:

- Suitably dimensioned drawings where appropriate
- Plant to be used (size of excavators/bucket sizes/types)
- Detail what site supervision will be in place
- List of personnel involved in works
- The sequence of works
- Emergency response plans (in the event damage is caused to a pipeline)

If works requiring a PTW are authorised, any additional safety precautions required by the Permit must be described in the Method Statement. The Permit must also reference the accepted Method Statement.

Deviation from the accepted Method Statement is not permitted. It may be necessary to review and amend the Method Statement as work progresses to ensure that the work plans take into account any unanticipated change. The AE must be advised of any changes and if agreed amend the PTW accordingly.

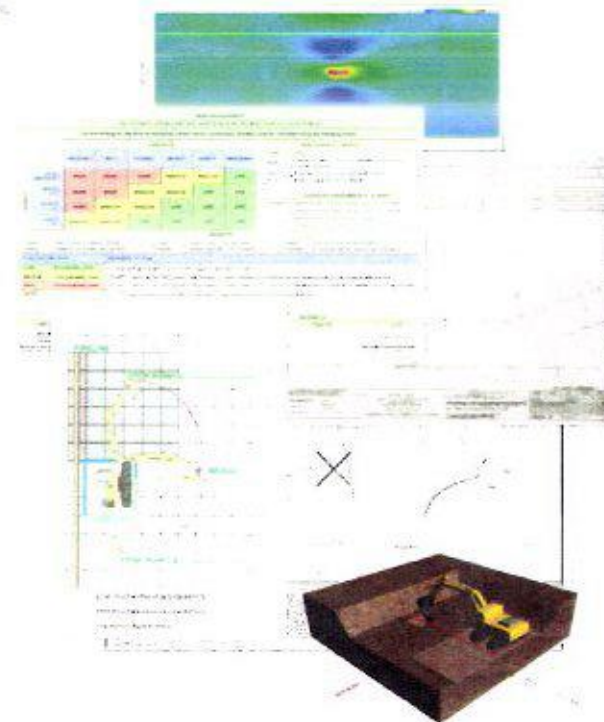


Figure 5. Example information included in Method Statement

12. Construction Traffic

Where existing roads cannot be used, heavy construction traffic must only cross the pipeline at previously agreed locations. All crossing points over a pipeline must be fenced on both sides with a post and wire fence and with the fence returned along the easement for a distance of 6 metres. A minimum distance of 3 meters must be maintained between a crossing point and any fittings, valves or branches, where possible a distance of 10 meters is preferred.

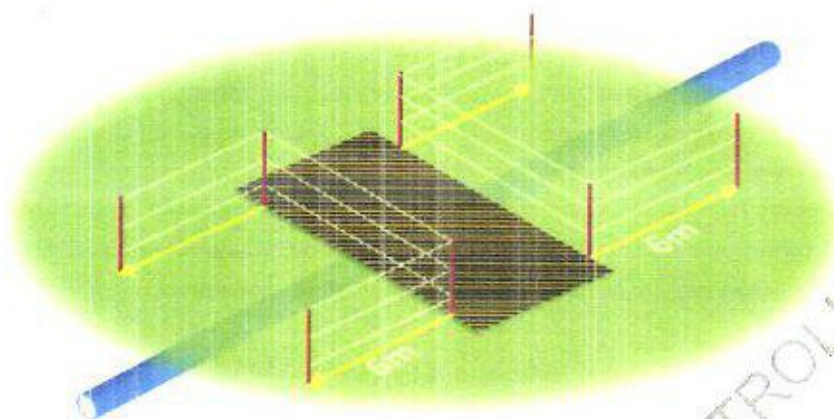


Figure 6. Example Crossing Layout

These crossing points must have suitable temporary surfaces to prevent ground penetration. This can include heavy duty timber, roadway plates, or reinforced concrete construction, constructed at ground level.

The AE must review ground conditions, vehicle types and crossing frequency to determine the type and construction of the raft required. For sites with high levels of heavy industrial plant and vehicles crossing the pipeline, the AE should consult the Asset Manager.

Notices directing traffic to the crossing points must be erected.

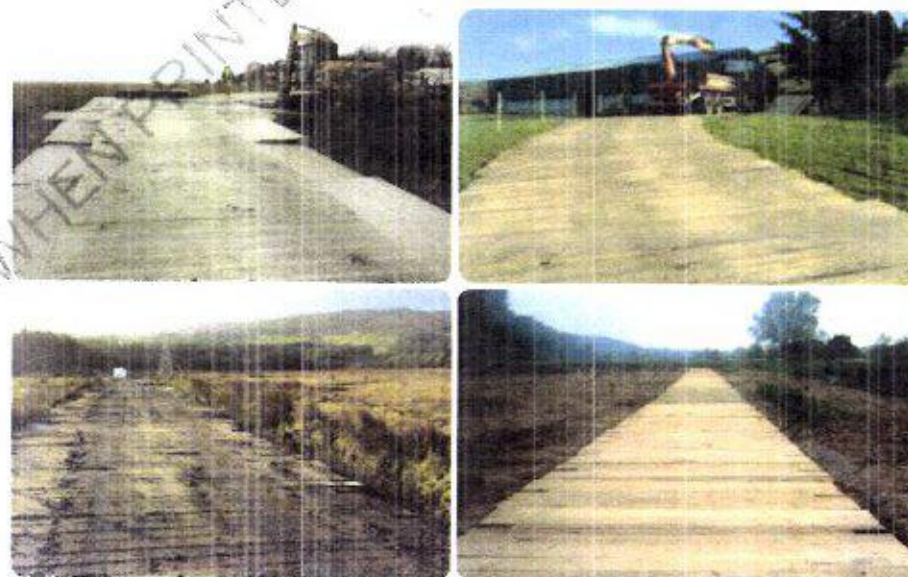


Figure 7. Example Temporary Rafts

13. Hazard and Danger Zones

These zones dictate what activity is allowed and what is not allowed. When works requiring a PTW in these zones are being carried out, the SW/2 Technician **must** be on site to monitor and ensure safe working.

The following diagrams illustrate the inner and outer hazard zones and the danger zone in relation to a high pressure gas pipeline. Different restrictions and requirements for Permits to Work apply depending on the activity being carried out. These are described further in the relevant sections of this procedure.

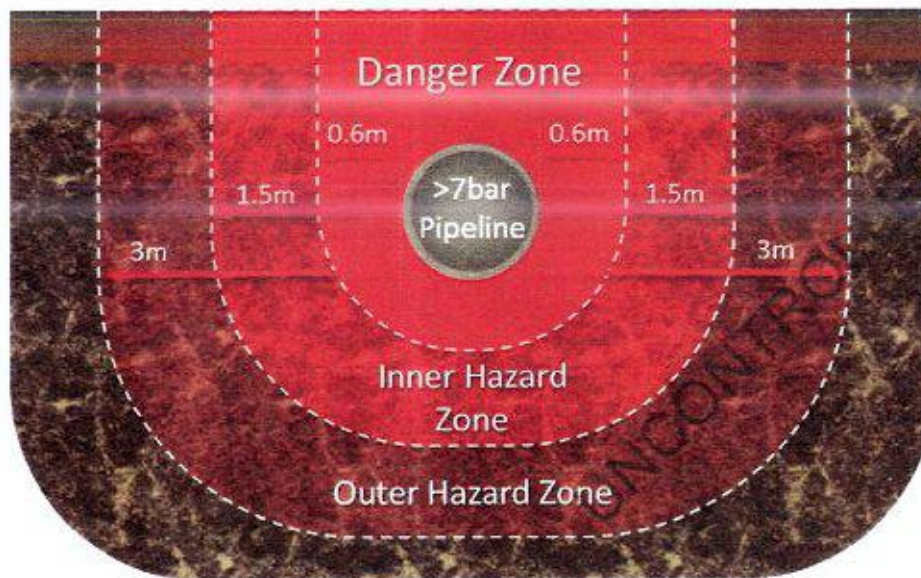


Figure 8. Hazard and Danger Zones

The Danger Zone is 0.6m either side of the pipeline rising to ground level and 0.6m underneath the pipeline.

The Inner Hazard Zone extends from the Danger Zone to 1.5m from the pipeline, rising to ground level and 1.5m below the pipeline.

The Outer Hazard Zone extends from the Inner Hazard Zone to 3.0m from the pipeline, rising to ground level and 3.0m below the pipeline.

The SW/2 Technician must explain these markings and zones to the Controller of the Works [on site] to ensure they are understood prior to planning the works and confirm them to the CP/team leader on site before work starts.

The hazard and danger zones must be marked on site and maintained by the SW/2 Technician, to avoid confusion with pipeline markers.

For further information on restrictions applying to different activities see the following sections of this procedure:

- [Mechanical Excavation](#)
- [Mechanical Assistance](#)
- [Use of Vacuum Excavators](#)
- [Lifting Operations](#)
- [Trenchless Techniques](#)
- [Backfilling](#)
- [Powered Hand Tools](#)
- [Top soil stripping](#)
- [Highway Surface Maintenance](#)



14. Fittings and Standpipes

Fittings and standpipes on a high pressure gas pipeline are particularly vulnerable to damage. Additional safety margins should be given when these are in proximity to works.

Mechanical excavators (see [Mechanical Excavation](#)) **must not be used** within a 1.5m radius of fittings and standpipes.

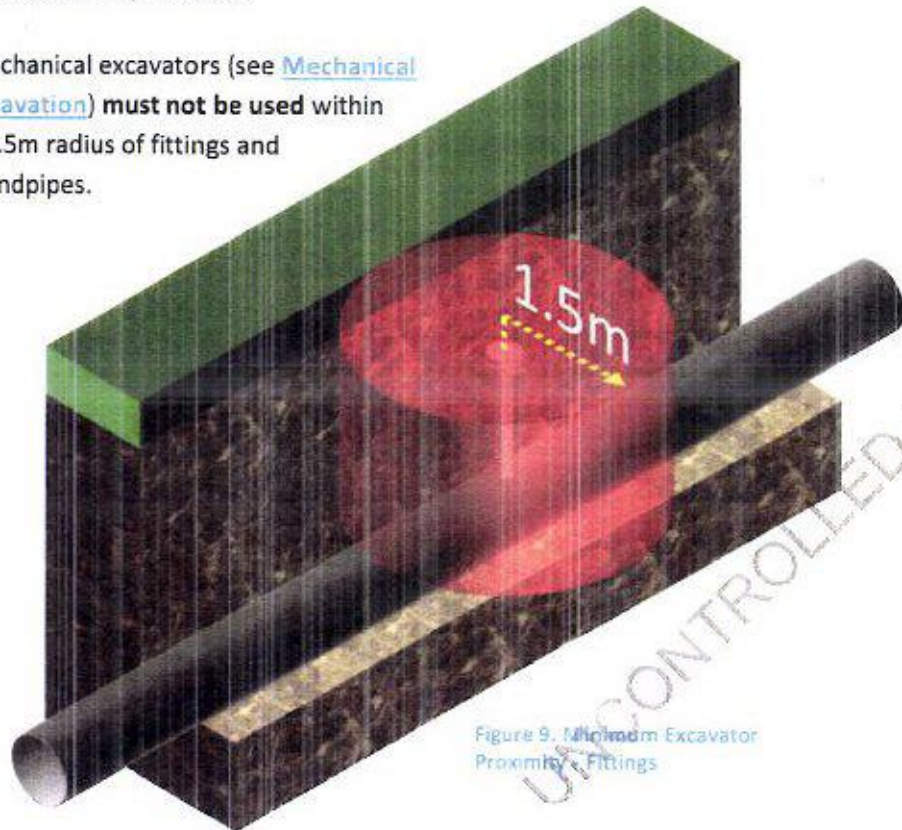


Figure 9. Minimum Excavator Proximity to Fittings

[Records](#) must be checked by the SW/2 Technician to identify if fittings and standpipes, including those not extended to ground level, are present on the pipeline in the vicinity of works, and at proposed traffic crossing points.

Fittings and standpipes **must** be hand excavated. A PTW is required if [Powered Hand Tools](#) need to be used. Trial holes must be undertaken to locate and confirm the position of fittings and standpipes if a mechanical excavator is to be used within the hazard zones.

15. Powered Hand Tools

The use of Powered Hand Tools in the Inner Hazard Zone & Danger Zone requires a PTW, and the SW/2 Technician must be on site at all times when these tools are being used in these zones. Powered hand tools should only be used in the danger zone if it is necessary and the AE must specify the permitted depth and proximity to the pipe that they can be used to on the PTW.

A PTW is not required for using powered hand tools in the outer hazard zone.

16. Mechanical Excavation

In relation to this section of this procedure a mechanical excavator is a powered tracked or wheeled machine with an extending arm and bucket or attachments for assisting excavation such as 'peckers' or concrete breakers. It includes mini-excavators and large excavators. Mechanical excavation is using these machines to excavate or assist excavation (see [Mechanical Assistance](#)).

Mechanical excavators have been the cause of the most serious pipeline damage incidents. They are the most likely cause of damage to a pipeline.

Mechanical excavators must not be used in the Danger Zone or within a 1.5m radius of fittings and standpipes on the pipeline.

Mechanical excavators must always be positioned far enough away from the excavations/trenches to prevent trench wall collapse, taking into account the laden weight and the ground conditions on site.

Mechanical excavators must **not** dig on one side of the pipeline with the cab of the excavator positioned on the other side. This is to prevent the digging arm pulling towards the pipe or any fittings increasing the risk of damaging the pipe, or, causing damage to the pipe by lifting over the pipe. Under no circumstances is this permitted.

The digging bucket must be toothless when used in the hazard zone and when excavating, a narrow bucket [up to 0.6m width] should be used when excavating unless specifically otherwise authorised on the PTW.

A banksman must be used to assist the mechanical excavator operator as it is likely that the operator will have restricted visibility in deep excavations.

Measures must be in place to ensure workers are not at risk of being injured by the mechanical excavator. Machine operators should not work for longer than 2 hours in the hazard zone without a break.

A PTW is required for:

- Using a mechanical excavator to excavate within the outer and inner hazard zones
- Using a mechanical excavator to assist hand digging within the outer and inner hazard zones
- Using a mechanical excavator to assist with any lifting operations within the hazard and danger zones ([Lifting Operations](#)).

A mechanical excavator is not permitted to excavate or to assist directly over a pipeline, **within the 0.6m danger zone at any depth from ground level** (with the exception of authorised [Top Soil Stripping](#)).

Particular attention must be given to the presence of [Fittings and Standpipes](#) in the vicinity of the works and additional precautions are described within this procedure in ([Mechanical Excavation – Additional Control Measures](#)).

Where available in line inspection (ILI) data must be used as part of risk assessment to identify connections, fittings and or standpipes in the vicinity of the works.



Figure 10. Excavator Positioning

A mechanical excavator is **not** permitted to excavate or to provide [Mechanical Assistance](#) within the Danger Zone or within a 1.5m radius of any fittings or standpipes.

A SW/2 Technician is not authorised to permit the use of a mechanical excavator within the hazard zones or amend any requirements detailed in a PTW or to a Method Statement associated with the PTW. Only the AE can permit the use of a mechanical excavator inside the hazard zones.

Mechanical excavators cannot be used to excavate within the 3.0m inner and outer hazard zones of a high pressure gas pipeline, unless authorised by an SCO registered AE. The use of mechanical excavators within the hazard zones can only be authorised subject to the following requirements:

- A valid justification to reduce the proximity distance must be identified. If approved, the proximity must not default to 0.6m and appropriate distances greater than 1m should be considered to minimise the risk of damage to the pipeline
- The pipeline location and depth must be confirmed by hand excavated trial holes and fittings and stabblings must be located
- A site specific risk assessment, as described in Section [Risk Assessment](#), must be completed
- A site specific [Method Statement](#) for the work, must be submitted to and accepted by the AE who must attend site before authorising the use of a mechanical excavator within 3.0m hazard zone of the pipeline.
- A PTW must be issued as described in [Safe Control of Operations \[SCO\]](#).
- The AE is satisfied that those undertaking the work are suitably competent and experienced and that a team leader or supervisor who understands his/her role and responsibilities will be on site at all times [in addition to the SW/2 Technician]

The SW/2 Technician must consider the **environmental conditions** in which the works are taking place, for example adverse weather conditions such as snow or low natural light conditions. Work must be stopped in the hazard zone if the visibility of excavator operators is affected such that there is an increased risk of causing damage. These considerations should form part of the [Risk Assessment](#).



17. Mechanical Assistance

A PTW is required for mechanical assistance in the outer and inner hazard zones. It is not permitted in the danger zone.

Mechanical assistance is, for example, using a mechanical tracked digger to assist with removing already excavated/loosened ground material or to assist with lifting operations. For example, if a mechanical excavator is prohibited from being used to excavate within the danger zone, it might be acceptable for it to assist manual hand digging by operating outside of the danger zone where hand dug material can be shovelled to a safe distance enabling the mechanical excavator to safely remove the loosened soil.

Powered Hand Tools including hand held air lances can be used to loosen soil and ground material and displace it to a safe distance outside of the 0.6m danger zone.

If connections, fittings or standpipes are present there is a significant risk of accidental damage through unauthorised or unintended movement of the machine bucket. In such circumstances **mechanical assistance is not permitted within the 1.5m inner hazard zone** and damage prevention measures must be applied to protect them from accidental damage by the bucket. Preventative measures include a protective barrier and slew locks/chains that restrict the movement of the excavator arm and bucket. See Mechanical Excavation – Additional Control Measures.

A mechanical excavator can also be used to lift/lower trench support materials etc. Lifting is a good example of a hazard to a standpipe, even though the machine is not being used to dig, as the standpipe could accidentally be knocked by the bucket/arm or load being lifted if the lift is close to an exposed unprotected standpipe. Refer to the Lifting Operations section of this procedure for lifting operations.



Figure 11. Example of Mechanical Assistance

18. Top soil stripping

Top soil stripping is the removal of top soil over a large area for a temporary works or construction site; it does not mean the removal of the first 250mm depth of ground for discrete excavations. Top soil stripping within pipeline easements and across the hazard and danger zones using mechanical excavators can be permitted by the SW/2 Technician up to a depth of 250mm providing hand excavated trial holes have confirmed it is safe to do so.

Standpipes and fittings are vulnerable to damage during topsoil stripping so they must be located by hand excavated trial holes before top soil stripping starts. Top soil stripping using a mechanical excavator is not permitted within 3.0m of standpipes and fittings and the SW/2 Technician must ensure that the restricted area is clearly marked and that barriers are erected to demarcate the position of the standpipes and fittings.

A PTW ([Safe Control of Operations \[SCO\]](#)) is not required for top soil stripping. If top soil stripping has been undertaken, no further excavation by mechanical excavator is permitted within the Hazard Zone, unless approved by the AE (see [Mechanical Excavation](#)).

An SW/2 Technician must be on site to monitor all top soil stripping, and the pipeline route and hazard & danger zones should be remarked following top soil stripping.

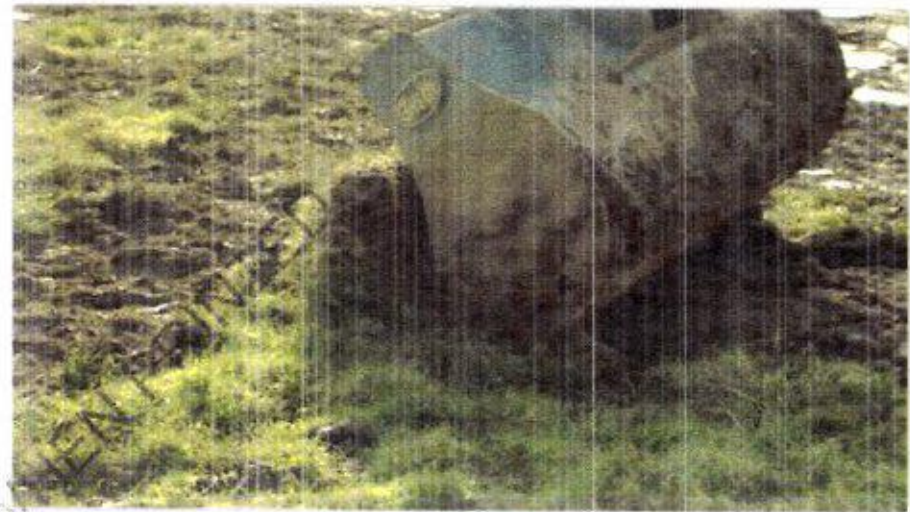


Figure 12. Top Soil Stripping

19. Highway Surface Maintenance

This section relates only to highway surface maintenance work. It does not apply to, or as part of, works below the road surface structure.

High pressure gas pipelines are designed to operate safely beneath roadway structures, and provided there are not any standpipes or fittings present on the pipe, the pipeline should be safe from surface activity. Surface maintenance includes the use of surface planes to mechanically remove the wearing courses of roadways [not to exceed 300mm] and this is permitted within the hazard and danger zones subject to the requirements described below. Hand powered tools and mechanical excavators must be used within the hazard zones for depths greater than 300mm as described in the [Mechanical Excavation](#) and [Powered Hand Tools](#) sections of this procedure of this procedure.



Figure 13. Road Planer

For depths of cover up to 1.5m trial holes must be hand excavated to confirm the position and depth of high pressure pipelines prior to surface removal. If a concrete protective slab has been installed, it is only necessary to locate and confirm the depth of the concrete slab. If pipeline records and pipeline locators indicate the pipeline is deeper than 1.5m cover and the highway surface removal will not exceed 300mm, it is not mandatory to locate the pipe by trial hole, subject to approval by the AE. Consideration must be given as to whether there has been development that has altered ground levels since the pipeline was constructed.

A PTW is required for mechanical highway surface removal within 3.0m of the pipeline and it must be issued to a CP.

The SW/2 Technician must be on site to monitor surface removal within the hazard and danger zones and must take regular measurements to ensure the maximum depth of 300mm (or less if instructed by the AE) is not exceeded.

A road surface plane must not be used within 3m of standpipes and fittings, even if these are not at surface level. If there are any standpipes or fittings on the pipe they must be located and the position must be confirmed and marked clearly. Mechanical excavators and hand powered tools can be used as described in the [Mechanical Excavation](#) and [Powered Hand Tools](#) sections of this procedure.

Where surface maintenance or removal is to be carried out across the hazard zones and danger zones or along the route of a pipeline, an SW/2 Technician must make contact with the undertaker of the works and establish who the Controller of the Works is, to discuss the scope of the works and equipment

to be used, and most importantly the depth of surface removal and how this will be controlled.

The SW/2 Technician must check pipeline records including In-Line Inspection (ILI) data, which can provide valuable information regarding the presence of fittings on the pipeline that may not be shown on drawings.

In some circumstances records might confirm or indicate that additional protection has been provided to the pipeline such as a protective sleeve or a protective slab. A protective slab must not be removed as part of surface renewal.

In all circumstances, the SW/2 Technician must inform the Controller of the Works of the pipeline route and areas where restrictions apply.

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20. Mechanical Excavation – Additional Control Measures

It is understood that there will be instances in which the use of mechanical excavators are requested to operate within 3m of a pipeline, fittings or associated installations. There must be valid justification to request a reduction in proximity distances.

The risk of damage or incident greatly increases with plant operating in such close proximity to pipelines. Fittings such as branches and small diameter stabblings are particularly vulnerable and where these are present, a mechanical excavator is **not** permitted to excavate or to assist hand digging within 1.5m of the fittings and standpipes [i.e. in the inner hazard zone]. Slew locks and/or chains must also be used to control movement of the machine.

If pipelines are exposed or fittings/standpipes are within 3.0m of where mechanical excavators are operating, control measures as described in this section must be applied to protect against/prevent damage from improper or unintended movement of machines. It is not necessary to apply all of the described control measures, but it is necessary to apply those that are most suitable to **prevent** damage to the pipeline and any fittings or standpipes. Applicable control measures must be detailed within the Method Statement.

Examples of additional Control Measures to reduce the risk of damage to pipelines or to limit unintended movement of mechanical excavators/buckets are listed below.

- **Physical Protective Barriers**

Temporary structures constructed around the pipeline to create a physical barrier between excavators and pipelines, preventing any direct contact and to protect the pipeline whilst work is carried out in the area. All temporary structures must be removed prior to backfilling the excavation.

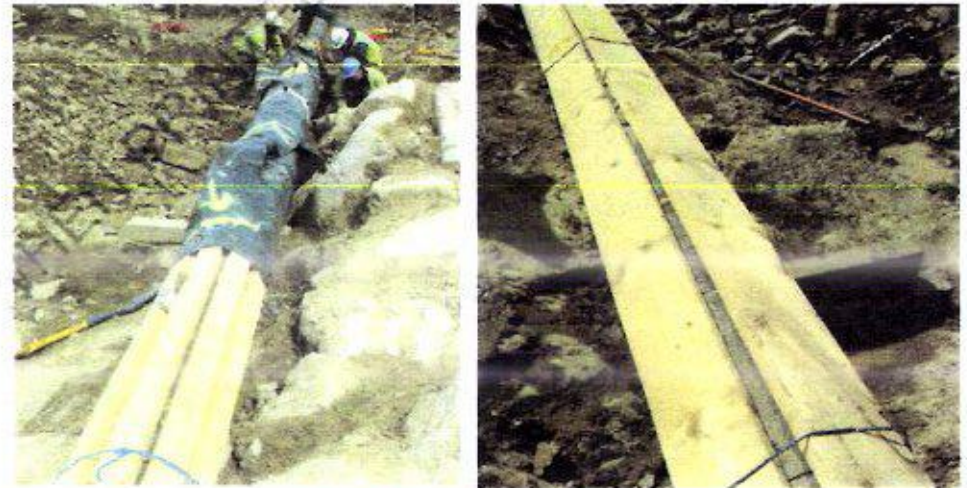


Figure 14. Example Protective Measures

- Excavator Safety Systems / Movement Limiting Devices



Figure 15. Electronic Movement Limiter

Excavators fitted with Mechanical or Electronic Slew, Height and Reach limiters give an increased level of control and should be used inside the 3.0m hazard zone if there is a risk of damage to the pipeline or fittings and standpipes. These include slew locks and chains to restrict the movement and reach of the machines arm, and Electronic movement control devices.

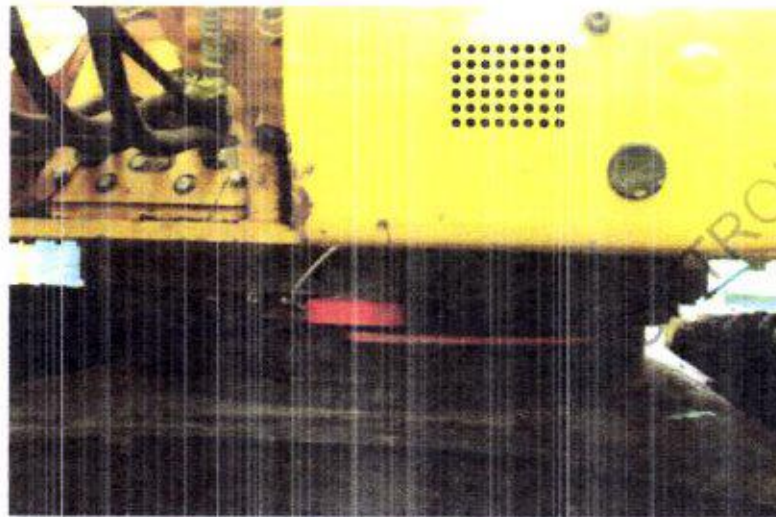


Figure 16. Mechanical Slew Lock

21. Deep Excavation Safety

Deep excavations are vulnerable to trench collapse and create fall from height hazards. T/PR/SW/1 details the correct working practices for deep excavations and must be followed at all times during deep excavation works.

It is recognised that there are practical difficulties in carrying out hand excavation at depths greater than 1.5m, however a mechanical excavator must not be used within the 3m Hazard Zone until the location and depth of the pipeline and any fittings/standpipes have been confirmed by hand excavated trial holes – See [Trial Holes Requiring Deep Excavations](#).

Mechanical excavators and other plant traffic must be positioned far enough away from the excavation to prevent trench wall collapse, appropriate access and egress from excavations must be established. A PTW is required for all deep excavation works.

22. Use of Vacuum Excavators

Vacuum Excavators can be used in the [Hazard and Danger Zones](#) subject to a PTW. Before a permit is issued [Trial Holes](#) must be carried out to confirm the position and depth of the pipeline and to locate fittings and standpipes. Vacuum excavators must not be used within 1.5m of any standpipes or fittings.



Figure 17. Large Vacuum Excavator

The weight of the excavators must be taken into account, the weight will increase as the excavator is in use. Vacuum excavators can pose a risk of causing trench collapse if used near to unsupported excavations or trenches. A suitable and sufficient risk assessment must be undertaken if the vacuum excavator is positioned within 3.0m of an unsupported excavation [for deep excavations this distance may have to be increased].

The design of trench support must take into consideration the proximity of vacuum excavators, 'stop blocks' should be used to prevent creep towards an excavation.

Damage can be caused to the pipe coating by toothed hoses that are used for loosening ground material, so preference should be given to using toothless hoses in conjunction with air lances or hand powered tools; this is particular important in the inner hazard zone and danger zone.

The SW/2 Technician must be on site when vacuum excavators are used within the hazard and danger zones.

23. Chain Trenchers

Chain trenchers are not permitted to be used in the hazard zones or danger zone.



Figure 18. Chain Trencher

24. Slabbing & Protective Measures

The design and construction of permanent protective measures, such as installation of concrete slabs is specified in SGN/SP/CE/12 and must be controlled by the use of SGN/PM/PS/5 using either standard or bespoke designs as required. The method of installation must be confirmed through the submission of a formal written Method Statement approved by the AE.

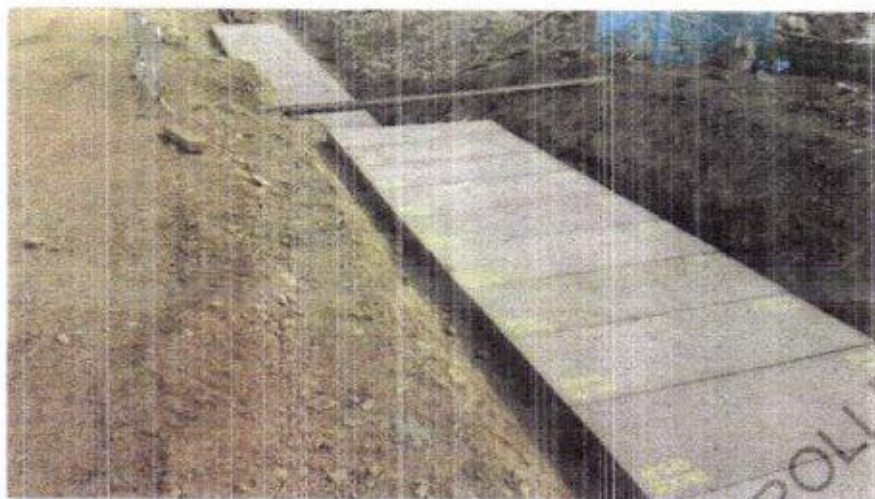


Figure 19. Protective Slabs

Where permanent slab protection is to be applied over the pipeline SGN must carry out a coating defect survey of the pipeline to check that there is no existing damage to the coating of the pipeline prior to the slab protection being installed. The SW/2 Technician must therefore request that the contractor contact the Asset Manager prior to the laying of any slab protection to arrange this survey.

25. Exposed Pipeline

Any exposed pipeline must be suitably supported. Where lengths of pipeline greater than 5m are to be exposed and unsupported the Asset Manager must be consulted and a stress analysis must be carried out in order to establish the necessary support requirements.



Figure 20. Pipeline Supports

The stress analysis must be carried out in accordance with IGEM/TD/12 by individuals with demonstrated expertise in this area. Any pipeline supports installed must be removed before backfilling. The exposed pipeline must be protected by matting and suitable timber cladding. Consideration must be given to T/SP/P/18 when pipelines are exposed.

26. Lifting Operations

All lifting operations over the [Hazard and Danger Zones](#) must be fully detailed in a Method Statement which must be accepted by the AE and must be monitored by the SW/2 Technician.

All lifting operations over the hazard and danger zones must be authorised by a PTW in accordance with [Safe Control of Operations \[SCO\]](#). Lifting operations should only be permitted in the danger zone for works on the pipeline such as hot tap and stopple operations, or where it is necessary to install trench support. Consideration must be given to avoiding or minimising lifting operations in the danger zone where it is practicable. Standpipes and fittings are particularly vulnerable to damage during lifting operations, including the lifting of trench support equipment and materials and damage prevention measures must be taken [i.e. barriers to prevent damage and/or restraints on the lifted load to restrict its movement].

Lifting operations includes the lifting of pipes, fittings, valves, stopple equipment, tools and equipment, trench support materials or frames etc. whether by crane, Hiab vehicles, mechanical excavators or other.

Lifting operations must be carried out in accordance with [SGN/PM/DIS/3.6](#). For guidance on lifting Protective Slabs refer to [SGN/SR/CE/12](#).

Those overseeing and assisting lifting operations and operating lifting equipment must be competent and experienced.

The free movement of suspended loads must be restrained and controlled. A slinger/signaller/banksman must assist.

Lifting operations should be planned to avoid, where possible, lifting over pipelines and especially fittings and standpipes by **having the lifting equipment on the same side of the pipeline as the lift.**



Figure 21. Example Lifting Operation

27. Cathodic Protection

All pipelines are cathodically protected in accordance with SGN/PM/ECP/2. Where a new service is to be laid and similarly protected, the SW/2 Technician must arrange with the SGN Maintenance department for interference tests to be carried out to determine whether SGN's own system is adversely affected. If any cathodic protection posts or associated apparatus need to be moved to facilitate third party works SGN require reasonable notice, typically 7 days.

SGN must undertake this work and any associated costs should be borne by the third party

28. New Services Crossings

Where a new service is to cross over or under a pipeline a minimum clearance distance of 600mm must be maintained between the nearest point of the pipeline and the new service.

In special circumstances this distance may be reduced after consultation and written agreement with the SGN Asset Manager.

Ordinarily any new service crossing over a pipeline should be done by hand excavation. To limit the length of interaction between a pipeline and any new service the angle that a new service is permitted to cross a pipeline must be between $\geq 75^\circ$.

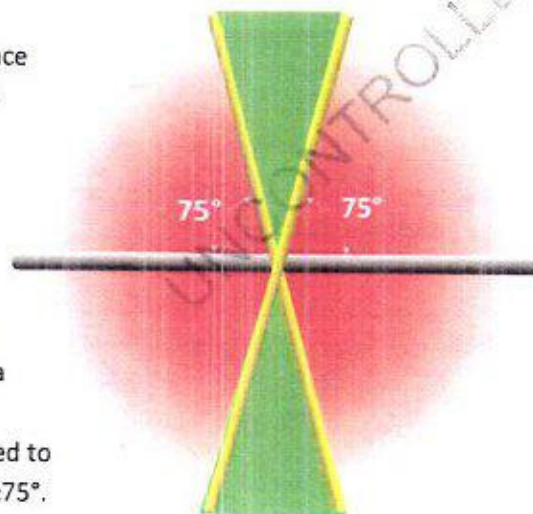


Figure 22. Crossing Angles

29. Trenchless Techniques

Trenchless techniques include moling operations; Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD); auger boring; impact boring; pipe bursting; hand and powered tunnelling operations; etc. These activities can be highly hazardous to high pressure gas pipelines and can cause catastrophic damage to them.

Trial holes must be hand excavated to confirm the position and depth of the pipeline (Trial Holes) and any associated fittings, standpipes or connections, if any of these activities are to be carried out through or under the hazard and danger zones or in the vicinity of the hazard zones.

A PTW issued by an SGN AE is required for all trenchless techniques carried out within the hazard zones or for passing under a high pressure gas pipeline at any depth.

Any proposal to use trenchless technologies in the hazard zones or under the pipeline at any depth must be referred to the Asset Manager who will review the risk assessments and method statements and will, where necessary, seek specialist advice.

The Head of Network Management (Transmission) must be consulted and must authorise the use of trenchless techniques through or within the inner hazard zone.

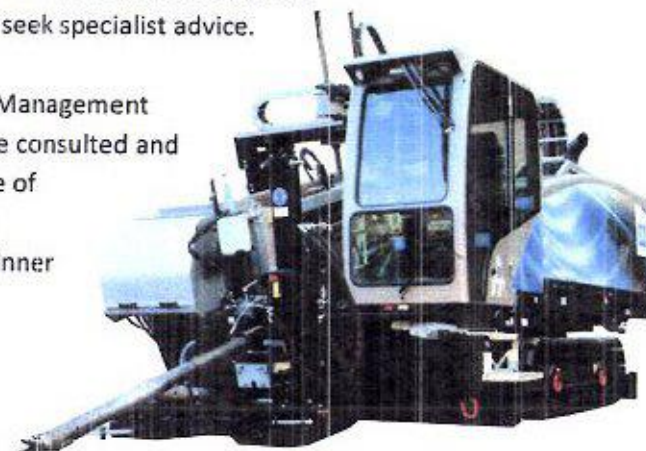


Figure 23. Horizontal Directional Drill



A site specific Method Statement must be provided by the Controller of the Works. The potential harm to the pipe or its coating from vibration must be considered.

An SW/2 Technician must observe any work within or through the pipeline easement and hazard zones to monitor compliance with the agreed method statement and PTW.

30. Backfilling

All backfilling in the [Hazard and Danger Zones](#) must be carried out in accordance with SGN/SP/P/10 and must be supervised by the SW/2 Technician. If backfilling works are to be carried out by a third party SGN require a minimum of 48 hours' notice prior to any backfilling works being carried out. This should be communicated to any contractors working on the

pipeline by the SW/2 Technician. This is applicable for any works over, under or parallel to the pipeline, within 3m. [Safe Control of Operations \[SCO\]](#) & [Construction Traffic](#) should be observed when manoeuvring plant in close proximity to the pipeline.

Mechanical excavators **must not** be used in the danger zone to assist backfilling. A mechanical excavator can only be used to assist backfilling within the Inner and Outer Hazard Zones (Hazard and Danger Zones) if authorised by a PTW. A mechanical excavator **must not** be used to compact ground in the Inner Hazard and Danger Zones.



Figure 24. Vibro-Tamper

Hand operated vibro-tampers require a PTW for use in the Inner Hazard Zone and Danger Zone unless the following conditions are met;

- 300mm of fine sand is placed over the pipeline
- A further 200mm of suitable backfill is hand compacted
- No fittings or standpipes within 1.5m
- SW/2 Technician monitors the work

Vibrating Rollers can be used in the Hazard and Danger Zones, subject to a PTW providing there is at least 600mm of hand compacted / hand operated vibro-tamper compacted material over the pipe, and there are no fittings or standpipes present. [Lifting Operations](#) should be considered if the unit needs to be lifted into the excavation.

If the pipeline has been backfilled without the knowledge of the SW/2 Technician then he/she **must** insist the material is re-excavated to enable the condition of the pipeline coating to be checked and to confirm suitable fine fill material has been used around the pipeline.

Any damage to the pipeline or pipeline coating, however minor, **must** be reported to the AE prior to backfilling. The damage must then be assessed and suitably repaired by SGN. Minor damage to pipe coating and test leads may be repaired by SGN free of charge.



Figure 25. Example Vibrating Roller

31. Damage to the Pipeline

If the SGN pipeline is damaged, even slightly, and even if no gas leak has occurred then the relevant SGN Gas Control Centre **must** be contacted immediately and informed that the pipeline has been damaged along with the geographical location of the damage.

The Control Room must be asked to confirm that the pressure in the pipeline will not be increased until an assessment of the damage has been carried out in line with SGN procedure SGN/PR/P/11. The Control Room must also be asked to make preparations to reduce pressure whilst the assessment of damage is being carried out.

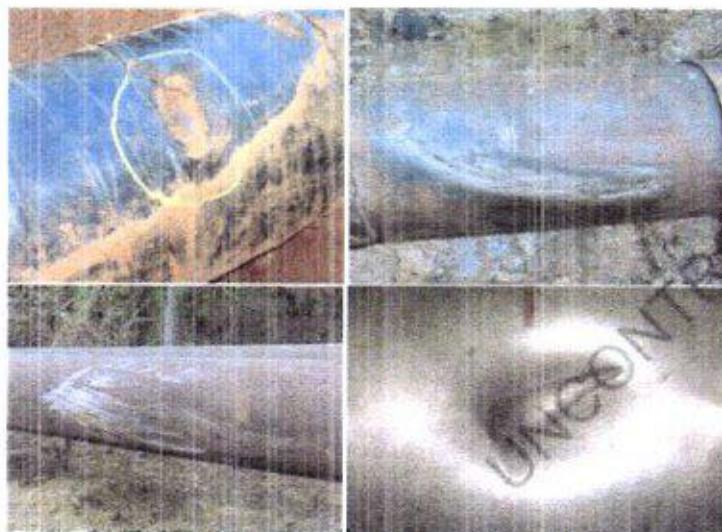


Figure 26. Examples of Severe Damage to Pipelines

In addition the contractor must be told to follow the advice in SGN/PM/EM/76, namely:-

- Shut down all plant and machinery and extinguish any potential sources of ignition.
- Evacuate all personnel from the vicinity of the pipeline.
- Report any emergency to using the emergency number 0800 111 999.
- Notify the AE or his office immediately using the contact telephone number provided.
- Ensure no one approaches the pipeline.
- Do NOT try to stop any leak.
- T/SP/H/18 & T/SP/P/9 must be observed when making any repair to the pipeline.

32. Document Control

All documents handed to contractors or landowners on site must be recorded and signed for by the recipient on the [Site Document Control Form](#). Lack of information, and the lack of clear instruction is a major contributing factor in many pipeline damage incidents. It is the responsibility of the SW/2 Technician to ensure that all the required information is available and provided to the Controller of the Works.

33. Encroachment Reporting

Details of all third party activities and SGN non-routine operations carried out within the easement, together with any activity outside of the easement which could have a detrimental influence on the integrity of the pipeline must be recorded on the standard encroachment form shown in Appendix C of this procedure ([SGN Encroachment Reporting Form](#)). On completion of the work the encroachment form must be signed by the AE and retained in the Pipeline File.

34. References

Internal Documents

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| SGN/PM/MAINT/5 | - Management Procedure for Maintenance of Pipelines Operating Above 7 Bar |
| SGN/PM/SW/3 | - Management Procedure For Use Of Mechanical Plant In Close Proximity To Utility Apparatus |
| SGN/PM/EM/76 | - Management Procedure for Managing Gas Release Emergencies and Damage on the Above 7 Bar Gas Transmission System |
| GDN/PM/SCO/1-5 | - Management Procedures for Safe Control of Operations |
| SGN/PM/DP/1 | - Management Procedure for the Prevention of Damage to SGN's <7bar Distribution System |
| T/PR/SSE/8 | - Work Procedure for Working on un-odorised gas installations |
| T/PR/P/18 | - Work Procedure for Working On Pipelines Containing Defective Girth Welds Or Girth Welds Of Unknown Quality |
| T/PR/SW/1 | - Work Procedure for Excavations |
| SGN/PM/ECP/2 | - Management Procedure for Cathodic Protection of Buried Steel Systems |
| T/SP/P/2 | - Specification for Welding of Land Pipelines and Installations Designed to Operate at Pressures greater than 7 bar (Supplementary to BS 4515-1) |
| T/SP/P/9 | - Specification For The Welding Of Fittings To Pipelines Operating Under Pressure (Supplementary to BS 6990). |
| SGN/SP/GM/4 | - Specification for the protection of steel pipelines operating at pressures above 7 bar subjected to vibrations caused by blasting, piling or demolition |
| T/SP/GM/1 | - Specification for The Protection of Pipelines From Ground Movement and External Loading. External Loading on Steel Pipelines and Buried Piping at Installations |
| T/PR/P/11 | - Work Procedure for Inspection and repair of damaged steel pipelines designed to operate at pressures greater than 2 bar |
| SGN/SP/P/10 | - Specification for general pipelining designed to operate at pressures greater than 7 barg |
| SGN/SP/CE/12 | - Specification for the Design, Construction and Testing of Civil & Structural Works Part 12: Pipeline Protection Slabs |
| SGN/PM/DIS/3.6 | - Management Procedure for Lifting Operations |

External Documents

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| HS(G) 47 | - Avoiding Danger from Underground Services |
| NRSWA | - New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 |
| GS(M)R | - Gas Safety (Management) Regulations 1996 |
| IGE/TD/1 | - Steel pipelines and associated installations for gas pressure transmission |





SITE DOCUMENT CONTROL FORM

Project Reference

Project Location

Site Manager

SW/2 Technician

Controller of Works

Agreed Method of Working

e.g. Hand Excavation only / Vacuum Excavation only
/ Mechanical Excavation / Reference Associated Method Statement & FTW

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Figure 27. Site Document Control Form

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The Encroachment form must be used to record encroachment on SGN assets, the form must be filled out with detailed descriptions and sketches to show the nature of the encroachment. The completed form should then be returned to the Authorising Engineer for assessment and capture into the pipeline records system.

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Figure 28. SGN Encroachment Reporting Form

Appendix C

Mechanical Assistance Request Form – Trial Holes Requiring Deep Excavation

Approval form for use of 'mechanical assistance' (see section 17 - SGN/WI/SW/2) for excavation of trial holes onto pipelines where the depth is greater than 1.5m

Location:

Grid co-ordinates: E _____ ; N _____

Asset details:

Pipeline: _____	Diameter: _____ mm
Depth of cover: _____ m	Wall thickness: _____ mm
	Max. Operating Pressure: _____ barg

Checklist of information required for assessments: Tick as appropriate ☒

- Details of activity (reason for excavation) including timescales ☐
- Key parties:
 - Client ☐
 - Principal Contractor ☐
 - Other ☐
- Details of observed ground conditions ☐
- Details of all available asset data:
 - ILI Pipe tally for section ☐
 - Construction strip map extracts ☐
 - Other pipe records ☐
- Results of initial pipeline location survey
 - Measured depth of cover ☐

Pipeline Technician undertaking survey:

Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

- Risk assessments ☐
- Full method statements
 - Details of all mechanical plant ☐
 - Details of precautions to avoid entry into the 'danger zone' ☐
 - Details of other hazard mitigation measures e.g. pressure reduction ☐

Key personnel:

Authorising Engineer: _____ Title: _____

Competent Person: _____ Title: _____

SW/2 Technician: _____ Title: _____

Approval: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Head of Network Management (Transmission)

The attached form must be used to support any request to utilise Mechanical Assistance whilst carrying out deep excavation trial holes. All available information, including ILI information must be sought and a detailed method statement produced before submitting to the Head of Network (Transmission) for approval.

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Figure 29. Mechanical Assistance Request Form



The SW/2 pipelines Technician described below fulfils the role set out in this procedure for safe working and development in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines and associated installation operating >7barg. The role requires the pipeline technician to:

- Interface with undertakers of works in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines to advise them on the presence and position of pipelines; restrictions on working within pipeline easements; the hazards and dangers of damaging high pressure pipelines; and, safe working practices in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines and associated installations
- Understand and interpret gas engineering plans and maps
- Locate and mark out pipelines, bends and fittings using pipe location equipment
- Establish safe working proximities to high pressure pipelines
- Oversee hand excavation of trial holes to confirm the position and depth of high pressure pipelines
- Monitor works using mechanical excavators within 3.0m of high pressure pipelines, when such works have been authorised by an SGN AE, and intervene if agreed safe systems of work (including, but not limited to permits to work, risk assessments, Method Statements, and other written instructions) are not complied with, or there is a danger of damaging a high pressure pipeline

This role is not an exclusive role and is usually part of an employee's wider job role for which additional training and competency will be required.

Minimum Training Requirements

D.1 Minimum Training

Evidence of suitable and sufficient training is required for the following elements:

- a. Implementing SGNs procedure SGN/PM/SW/2 for safe working and development in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines and associated installation operating >7barg. This training is [will be] a company standard training course which will include:
 - The consequences of damaging high pressure pipelines
 - Factors that lead to an increase in risk
 - The risks associated with mechanical excavation and the use of mechanical excavators in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines
 - The procedural requirements and safety rules prescribed in the procedure
 - Safe working methods
 - The role and responsibilities of the SW/2 Technician
- b. Use of pipe locators and cable locators
- c. Understanding an interpreting maps and engineering drawings [relating to pipelines]
- d. Safe Control of Operations [SCO/1 and SCO/2]
- e. Deep excavations safety
- f. Lifting operations [relevant to typical lifting operations on pipeline activities]
- g. Legal training [easements and wayleaves]
- h. IOSH managing safely [or similar]
- i. Behavioural training [i.e. influencing safety behaviours training and dealing with conflict etc.]



D.2 On-the-job Experience

Persons undertaking the SW/2 Technician role must have on-the-job experience to complement formal training. This must be provided using a suitably competent mentor (someone who is a competent SW/2 pipeline technician). On-the-job experience shall include:

- Understanding interpreting plans, using pipe location equipment and marking out pipelines
- Overseeing hand excavated trial holes
- Monitoring the use of vacuum excavators and mechanical excavators in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines
- Monitoring works applying 'mechanical assistance' as described in this procedure
- Monitoring works under Permit to Work conditions [i.e. using mechanical excavators in the hazard zone]
- Works involving deep excavations
- Dealing with people positively and assertively

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