

To whom it may concern

Thank you for your email. Based on the plans provided SGN do not object to this application.

The high pressure gas pipeline in the vicinity of the proposed development has a Building Proximity Distance (BPD). The building proximity distance (zone 1) is 16 metres either side of the pipeline. This should not however be confused with the HSE consultation zones 2 & 3 which will be considerably greater. Zone 1 is a safety factor with reference to habitable buildings as recommended by IGE/TD/1. It is calculated from the diameter, material, wall thickness and pressure of the particular pipeline. Under Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996 this distance is declared to the HSE. Any intrusion within this safety zone should not be taken lightly and any intention to proceed should be accompanied by a risk assessment or provision of other supporting evidence especially in the event of any legal proceedings at a later date. I have attached a copy of our plans showing the pipeline in relation to this site.

Pipelines laid in private land are protected by a Deed of grant, which prohibits certain activities within the easement strip like no addition to or removal of surface levels, no structures over or within the specified distance of the pipeline. Further details are available if you require them. A request to us for any copies could incur a small fee, payable in advance. The easement strip is 6 metres in width. 3 metres either side from the centre-line of the pipeline.

Any vehicle crossings over the pipeline must cross at 90 degrees to the pipeline. The crossing will require: calculations to prove that no additional stresses will be incurred; a design showing the roadway in relation to the pipeline; and method statements to be agreed with SGN before it goes ahead. Road crossings need to be kept to a minimum. See (8).

This pipeline is of prime importance to the gas supplies of this area. Should any work be contemplated it is essential that you comply with the restrictions detailed below and in the document SGN/WI/SW/2 in order to protect our plant and equipment and for the safety of your own operatives.

- 1) No mechanical excavation is permitted 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/SW/2 (Work Instruction for Safe Working in the Vicinity of Pipelines & Associated Installations operating >7barg) shall be fully complied with in all respects.
- 5) No thrust boring shall take place within three metres 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 0141 4184093 at least seven 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 surface boxes, were these to be lost 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) The minimum proximity between the high pressure gas pipeline and any wind turbine should be 1.5 times the fixed mast height excluding the turbine of the wind turbine. If you are planning to construct a wind turbine closer than this, then you must contact SGN immediately.

12) 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.

13) 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.

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

If you require anything further please let me know.

Regards,

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