

## ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE

### Legal Information

Some of our assets are protected by legal rights such as easements or wayleaves which place legally enforceable restrictions on activity in proximity to these assets. These legal interests are registered against the land in which the asset is located and therefore you must make all necessary enquiries with the Land Registry, Land Charges department, existing or previous land owners and all appropriate authorities. If there are any such restrictions or you are unclear as to the position please contact us. This response does NOT amount to any form of consent or encouragement for your works, which if in breach of our legal rights may result in legal action.

### Gas Service Pipes and Related Apparatus

The information supplied only considers gas mains. It does **NOT** include gas service pipes and other related apparatus such as syphons and impulse pipework and you must take into account whether these may be present and if they could be affected by your proposed activities. Service pipes are the pipes that connect between domestic or commercial properties and the mains gas supply. They would normally be located within the land adjoining the domestic or commercial property, typically the front garden or other land fronting the property. In some instances because of the location of the nearest gas supply main they may be located at the back or side of the property. It is your responsibility to observe safe working practices to avoid damaging these pipes when working in areas where service pipes may be present.

Gas Service pipes should be located with suitable plant location equipment. Where this is not possible, i.e. where the existing service is plastic, the competent person will need to estimate the route of the service pipe by taking a straight line from the existing meter location (or visible gas service entry point) to the nearest road. This should indicate the likely route of your service.

Please be aware that these methods can only provide **an indication** of the route. Digging must still proceed with care as these methods cannot be wholly relied upon to ensure accurate plant location information and there may be other buried apparatus in the vicinity.

“The service connecting the property to the gas main may be ‘Out of Standard’ if it is shallow, also connects to another property and/or does not run in a direct line perpendicular to the main, to the meter or other identifiable connection point.”

## **Recently Installed Apparatus**

Whilst all reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the response you have been given is based on the most up to date information, we have ongoing projects to improve and extend their networks. It is possible that these amendments or additions may not be displayed or included in the assessment you have received. You should proceed with caution and observe the safe working practices outlined in the HSE guidance documents HSG47 and GS6.

## **Apparatus Owned by other Organisations**

The response you have received only relates to our apparatus.

It is your responsibility to contact other organisations, e.g. other gas distribution networks, local electricity companies, other utilities, etc.

For further information on which gas and electricity distribution company you need to contact please click the link below

<http://energynetworks.squarespace.com/whos-my-supplier>