

Connections

A handy guide to getting it right



**SP ENERGY
NETWORKS**

Excavation and Reinstatement

We take pride in our ability to provide design solutions and deliver a breadth of utility projects across the UK.

Such projects include carrying out all associated excavation and reinstatement work needed for the installation of our equipment. However, this work can also be done by third parties. Any third party carrying out the work is required to take responsibility for:

- Excavation work and reinstatement to the required specification
- Excavation safety, including the use of suitable barricading and warning signs

Like a copy of our existing electrical network drawings? Then please send a location plan of the required area and/or the address and postcode, together with your postal address details, to the relevant email address below:

Scotland:

 requestforplansscotland@spenergynetworks.co.uk

England and Wales:

 requestforplansmanweb@spenergynetworks.co.uk

Please be aware:

There may be occasions where existing utilities are not shown on plans, or plans provided are incorrect. For further guidance on carrying out excavations safely, please visit:

www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/safer_excavations.asp

NRSA (New Roads and Street Works Act 1991)

When we have to cross local authority land or highways to connect you, we must notify the authorities before work starts. What's more, we have to notify other utility companies in case their apparatus will be affected.

Please note these legal minimum notice periods when planning your project:

- 7 days where we're excavating in a non-traffic-sensitive area or minor road
- 28 days where we're excavating in a traffic-sensitive area or city centre
- 3 months where we're excavating in a major traffic area route

We only notify the local authority or other utilities once you've accepted our quotation and agreed a scheduled work date with us.

On-Site Responsibilities

Nationwide, we exceed design and delivery expectations each week.

Before work begins, reassuring advice is available from our Project Manager. Then we work closely with you to achieve the speed and efficiency you want.

Your site responsibilities would typically include:

- Ensuring the premises are lock-fast and weather-tight
- Appointing an Electricity Energy Supplier
- Installing a suitable duct into the premises
- Installing a suitable duct at the correct depth within excavated track
- Securing a back board at the meter location for our equipment
- Ensuring that the proposed cable route is clear of scaffolding or other obstructions
- Carrying out any agreed excavation/ reinstatement work
- Providing & installing interconnecting cables between the supply point and your main switch

Land Rights and Consents

Where possible, we'll design a utility route within the boundary of your land, avoiding the need for third party agreement.

If third party agreement is needed though, the quotation offer and lead times required to complete the work can be affected. We'd require the consent of the land owner before work starts. This consent is normally granted in the form of a wayleave or servitude.

So please consider the following when planning your project:

- The timescales associated with obtaining third party agreement may affect your project's delivery
- We don't seek such consents until you've accepted our quotation
- The price on our quotation is subject to all consents being agreed
- We can't start work on third party land until all consents have been agreed
- Where consents are refused, a new design and quotation will be required

