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To: Utility Solutions GDC Requests

**Subject:** Saved/RPA RE:S06-22- 2762 Plant Enquiry - 109528 - Site off Swanstree

Avenue, Sittingbourne - Please respond by 14/07/2022

Attachments: SOTA Guide To Excavation.pdf; 109528 - Site off Swanstree Avenue.pdf



Dear Sir or Madam,

With reference to your plant enquiry below, we enclose the drawing(s) on behalf of KPN indicating the approximate position of services in this area.

We would draw your attention to the fact that while the position of the plant has been shown as accurately as possible, the information is intended as a general guide only and must not be relied upon in the event of any excavations or other work in the vicinity. We would remind you that the onus remains on you to determine the exact position for example by a hand excavated trial hole. Instalcom accepts no liability for claims arising from any inaccuracy, omissions or errors contained herein. If you would like to query the location further, please email us accordingly and we can arrange an in depth survey, which will be charged at a cost.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please note that this response is only valid for 3 months. If your works do not commence within this time period, please resubmit your plant enquiry for assessment before any works commence.

## Regards

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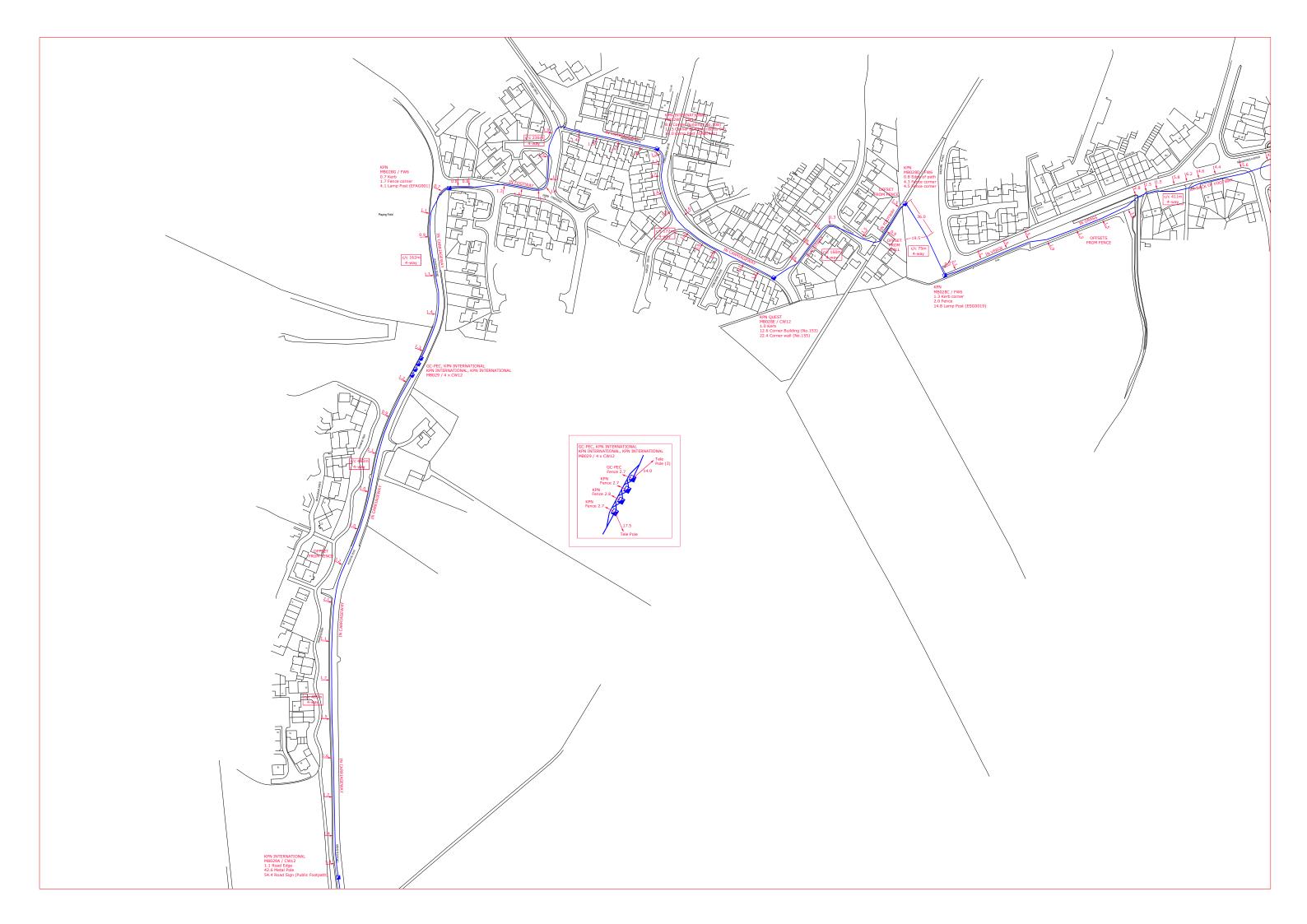
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## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO SOTA PLANT

- 1. In this special requirement, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to it:
  - a. "Company" means SOTA.
  - b. "Company Representative" means the staff of SOTA or its Authorized Representatives and Agents.
  - c. "Apparatus" means all surface or sub-surface equipment and plant including any associated cabling and/or ducting owned leased or rented by SOTA.
- 2. Before commencing any work or moving heavy plant or equipment over any portion of the site, the contractor shall confirm details of the Apparatus, owned, leased or rented by the Company, within the site with the Company Representative, who can be contacted at the following point: -

Instalcom Limited
Borehamwood Industrial Park
Rowley Lane
Borehamwood
Hertfordshire
WD6 5PZ

Tel: 0208 731 4600 Fax: 0208 731 4601

E-mail: sota.plantenquiries@instalcom.co.uk

- 3. Where such details show that the works or the movement of plant or equipment may endanger the Apparatus of the Company the Contractor must give the Company Representative at least 7 days written notice of the date on which it is intended to commence such works of the movement of plant and equipment in order that the presence of any sub-surface apparatus can be indicated by markers to be supplied by the Company and placed by the Contractor under the supervision of a Company Representative. The Contractor shall ensure that all Company Apparatus, particularly surface running cabling is adequately protected from damage and such protective measures shall be approved by the Company Representative.
- 4. In the event of a Company marker being disturbed for any reason, it shall not be replaced other than in the exact position of its former depth unless the repositioning is carried out at the direction and under the supervision of a Company Representative.
- 5. The Contractor shall take particular care in relation to the protection of Company Apparatus, where such Apparatus includes the presence within the site of optical fibre cabling. The contractor should particularly note that the damage to such Apparatus is extremely disruptive to the Company network and costly to reinstate. The Contractor shall make every effort to avoid the disturbance of Company Apparatus more than is absolutely necessary for the completion of the works in accordance with the contract.



- 6. When excavating around, moving or backfilling around Company Apparatus, the Company Representative shall be given adequate notice, which shall not be less than 3 days, of the contractor's intentions in order that he may supervise the works. The Contractor should note that the normal depth of cover for Company Apparatus and ducts are as follows:
  - a. Carriageways 600mm
  - b. Footways 350mm
  - c. Verges 450mm

These minimum depths of cover should be maintained wherever possible.

Where the minimum depths of cover cannot be maintained, the Contractor shall carry out the instructions of the Company Representative for the protection of Company Apparatus.

Where cables are not in duct and the required depth of cover cannot be maintained, such cables as are affected shall be enclosed and protected in UPVC duct or equivalent materials as supplied by the Company and by the method directed by the Company Representative.

With regard to excavation in the vicinity of Company Apparatus the Contractor should have particular regard to the possibility of reduced cover and the encountering of such Company Apparatus at depths of cover less than that given at **a, b and c above**.

- 7. All excavation adjacent to Company Apparatus is to be carried out by hand until the exact extent and/or location of Company Apparatus is known. Mechanical borers and/or excavators shall not be used within 1.0m of Company Apparatus without the supervisory presence of a Company Representative, to prevent any movement of Company Apparatus during excavations, complete shuttering shall be used as directed by the Company Representative if:
  - a. Excavation is deeper than the depth of cover of adjacent Company Apparatus.
  - b. Excavation is within 1.0m of Company Apparatus in stable ground.
  - c. Excavation is within 5.0m of Company Apparatus in unstable ground.

If for the completion of the works, the Contractor intends using any of the following: -

- a. Pile driving equipment within 10.0m of Company Apparatus.
- b. Explosives within 20.0m of Company Apparatus.
- ${\tt c}$  . Laser equipment within 10.0m of Company Apparatus.

The Contractor shall advise the Company Representative, giving at least 7 working days written notice in order that any special protective measure for the Company Apparatus affected may be arranged.

8. All Company manhole, joint box and /or other access points and chambers within the site shall be kept clear and unobstructed. Access for vehicles, winches, cable drums and/or further equipment required by the Company for the maintenance of it's Apparatus, must be maintained at all reasonable times. The Contractor should particularly note that footway type jointing chambers are not specified for carriageway loadings and will need to be adequately protected and/or demolished and rebuilt under the supervision of a Company Representative where such chambers are likely to be placed at risk, either temporarily or permanently, from the movement of plant and/or equipment on the site.



9. The covers to Company chambers and/or Apparatus shall only be lifted by means of appropriate keys obtained from the Company Representative and under the direct supervision of the Company Representative. No employee of the Contractor or of any sub-contractor employed by the Contractor shall enter any chamber and/or Apparatus of the Company unless under the supervision of the Company Representative and in any case not before the mandatory gas check has been carried out in the presence of the Company Representative and such checks have shown it to be safe to enter the chamber and/or Apparatus of the Company.

The Company Representatives shall be given reasonable access to all Company Apparatus and chambers when required.

10. In the event of any damage whatsoever to Company Apparatus, the Contractor shall immediately inform the Company Representative and report the occurrence immediately by contacting the Company as follows:-

Telephone:-

0208 731 4600 Mon-Fri Office Hours (Instalcom Head Office)

> 0845 330 8615 Out of Office Hours / Weekends

11. The above requirements do not relieve the Contractor of any of his obligations under the Contract.

The accuracy of information on the plans cannot be guaranteed and no liability can be accepted for errors or omissions.

<u>Damage to Communications Plant is Expensive – Please Take Care.</u>

