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**To:** [NI Enquiries](#); [Aquind Interconnector](#); [info@aquind.co.uk](mailto:info@aquind.co.uk)  
**Subject:** Qualified Objection: Aquind connected; Our Ref: NRSWA / 544 / 17680; Email 1  
**Date:** 18 December 2020 04:30:46  
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## Stopping Up Objection

Dear Sirs,

### New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

### Stopping Up Order - Objection

**Our Ref:** [NRSWA / 544 / 17680](#)

**Site:** Aquind connected

We refer to the below order and confirm that we have objections. Please see the attached objection letter and maps.

**Please email Stopping Ups to [osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com)**

**To enable us to process your application as quickly as possible, please ensure you include Grid References.**

Many thanks

#### **IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ - Your Next Step?:**

Where apparatus is affected and requires diversion, please send all the scheme related proposals that affects the Vodafone Network to [c3requests@vodafone.com](mailto:c3requests@vodafone.com) with a request for a 'C3 Budget Estimate'. Please ensure you include a plan showing proposed works. (A location plan is insufficient for Vodafone to provide a costing). These estimates will be provided by Vodafone directly, normally within 20 working days from receipt of your request. Please include proof of this C2 response when requesting a C3 (using the 'forward' option). Diversionary works may be necessary if the existing line of the highway/railway or its levels are altered.

**If you require a quote for new development, commercial site connections - please email your requirements and associated plans to [c3requests@vodafone.com](mailto:c3requests@vodafone.com) and a budget estimate will be returned, within 10 working days of receipt.**

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**From:** National Plant Enquiries <OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com>  
**Sent:** 02 December 2020 18:59  
**To:** National Plant Enquiries <OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Aquind connected

Hi girls

Please use the [land Plans](#) link to retrieve plans – this needs to be treated as a Stopping Up and objected to in the usual way. Chris Nesbit from Vodafone has called me about this unusual request but has advised that it is to be treated in the same way we do with Stopping ups etc etc

Thank you  
Ali

The [land Plans](#) (Rev 02) also show the location of the plots.

Name of Requester:	-
Name of Company:	Planning Inspectorate
Requester Reference:	EN020022 (AQUI-AFP1162)
Email Address:	<a href="mailto:NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a> ; <a href="mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a> ; <a href="mailto:info@aquind.co.uk">info@aquind.co.uk</a>
Site Location Address:	?
Telephone Number:	0303 444 5000
Grid References:	Not given

**Ali Friend**

Service Delivery Lead, Utility Solutions

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**From:** Aquind Interconnector <[aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 02 December 2020 12:49

**To:** National Plant Enquiries <[OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com](mailto:OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com)>

**Cc:** Aquind Interconnector <[aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Aquind connected ?

Dear Ms Friend,

The Planning Inspectorate does not hold this information. Please contact the Applicant, AQUIND Limited, for information relating to grid references. They can be reached in the following ways:

[info@aquind.co.uk](mailto:info@aquind.co.uk)

Tel. 01962 893869

The [Book of Reference](#) (Rev 003) contains the addresses of all plots in relation to land required for the project. **The [land Plans](#) (Rev 02) also show the location of the plots.**

Kind regards,

Steven Parker  
Case Officer  
National Infrastructure Planning

Helpline: 0303 444 5000

Email: [steven.parker@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:steven.parker@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

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**From:** National Plant Enquiries <[OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com](mailto:OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com)>  
**Sent:** 02 December 2020 12:36  
**To:** Aquind Interconnector <[aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Aquind connected ?  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon

Please be advised that Vodafone requires a Qualified Objection to be placed but after several requests for information Atkins have still not received what is required.

Please send the following information:

- the site location address (including postcode if possible) within the subject heading,
- 12-digit grid references within the body of the email,
- a site location plan.

If you sent attachments in your original email then you will need to attach them again.

Please re-send to [osm.enquiries@atkinglobal.com](mailto:osm.enquiries@atkinglobal.com)

This is now becoming urgent

**Ali Friend**

Service Delivery Lead, Utility Solutions

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**From:** Aquind Interconnector <[aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 01 December 2020 16:21  
**To:** National Plant Enquiries <[OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com](mailto:OSM.enquiries@atkinglobal.com)>  
**Cc:** Aquind Interconnector <[aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Aquind connected ?

Dear Sirs,

I wrote to at this email address on 13 November 2020 in relation to the AQUIND Interconnector project (copy attached).

We are required to write to Vodafone Group plc at the address provided by the Applicant in the Book of Reference.

If there is a specific email address that would be better suited for this purpose, please advise and we shall update our records.

Kind regards,

Steven Parker  
Case Officer  
National Infrastructure Planning

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**From:** National Plant Enquiries <[OSM.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:OSM.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com)>

**Sent:** 01 December 2020 10:21

**To:** NI Enquiries <[NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>; Aquind Interconnector <[aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** FW: Aquind connected ?

Please can you **resubmit** this and all future requests to include:

- the site location address (including postcode if possible) within the subject heading,
- send separate emails for each separate site location,
- 12-digit grid references within the body of the email,
- a site location plan.

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Many thanks

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**From:** Friend, Alison <[Alison.Friend@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:Alison.Friend@atkinsglobal.com)>

**Sent:** 01 December 2020 09:06

**To:** National Plant Enquiries <[OSM.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:OSM.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com)>

**Subject:** Aquind connected ?

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Site Location Address:	?
Telephone Number:	0303 444 5000
Grid References:	Not given

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**From:** Zurbrugg, Christina, Vodafone UK (External) <[Christina.Zurbrugg@vodafone.com](mailto:Christina.Zurbrugg@vodafone.com)>

**Sent:** 17 November 2020 12:59

**To:** Friend, Alison <[Alison.Friend@atkinsglobal.com](mailto:Alison.Friend@atkinsglobal.com)>

**Subject:** Post

Good afternoon Alison,

Please see attached letters from today's post.

Kind regards



**Tina Zurbrugg**

Post Room

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National Infrastructure, Temple Quay house  
2 The Square  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN

Our Ref: **NRSA/544/17680**

YourRef: EN020022

Attention: Steven Parker

Date: 18 December 2020

Dear Sirs

**New Roads and Street Works Act 1991  
Stopping Up Order - Qualified Objection**

Thank you for your correspondence regarding a Stopping Up Order at Aquind connected.

We confirm that Vodafone has apparatus in the area and advises that we have a qualified objection to the order unless you, or your applicant, provides WS Atkins with written assurances, quoting our reference above, as to the safeguarding of Vodafone apparatus and the reimbursement of costs for any works necessary. As-built records showing our apparatus are enclosed

Where Vodafone's apparatus is to remain in the stopped-up area we shall also require an undertaking that the applicant will grant a wayleave agreement to Vodafone on terms and conditions acceptable to Vodafone and the reimbursement of our (WS Atkins') costs associated with the negotiation of the said wayleave. A copy of Vodafone's standard stopping-up wayleave proforma is available on request.

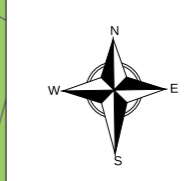
A copy of the Vodafone process 4461 'Special Requirements relating to the external plant network of Vodafone' is available on request. The process provides guidance on working in the vicinity of Vodafone's apparatus.

Yours faithfully

OSM, UK and Ireland  
Acting as agent for and on behalf of Vodafone

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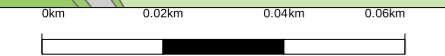


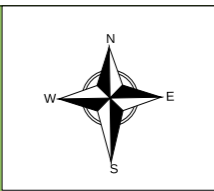
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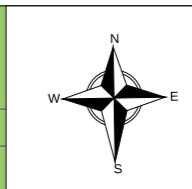
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Broadway Cottages



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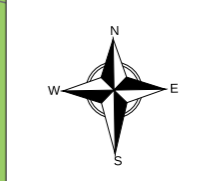
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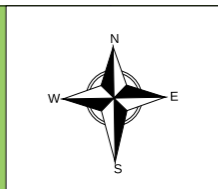
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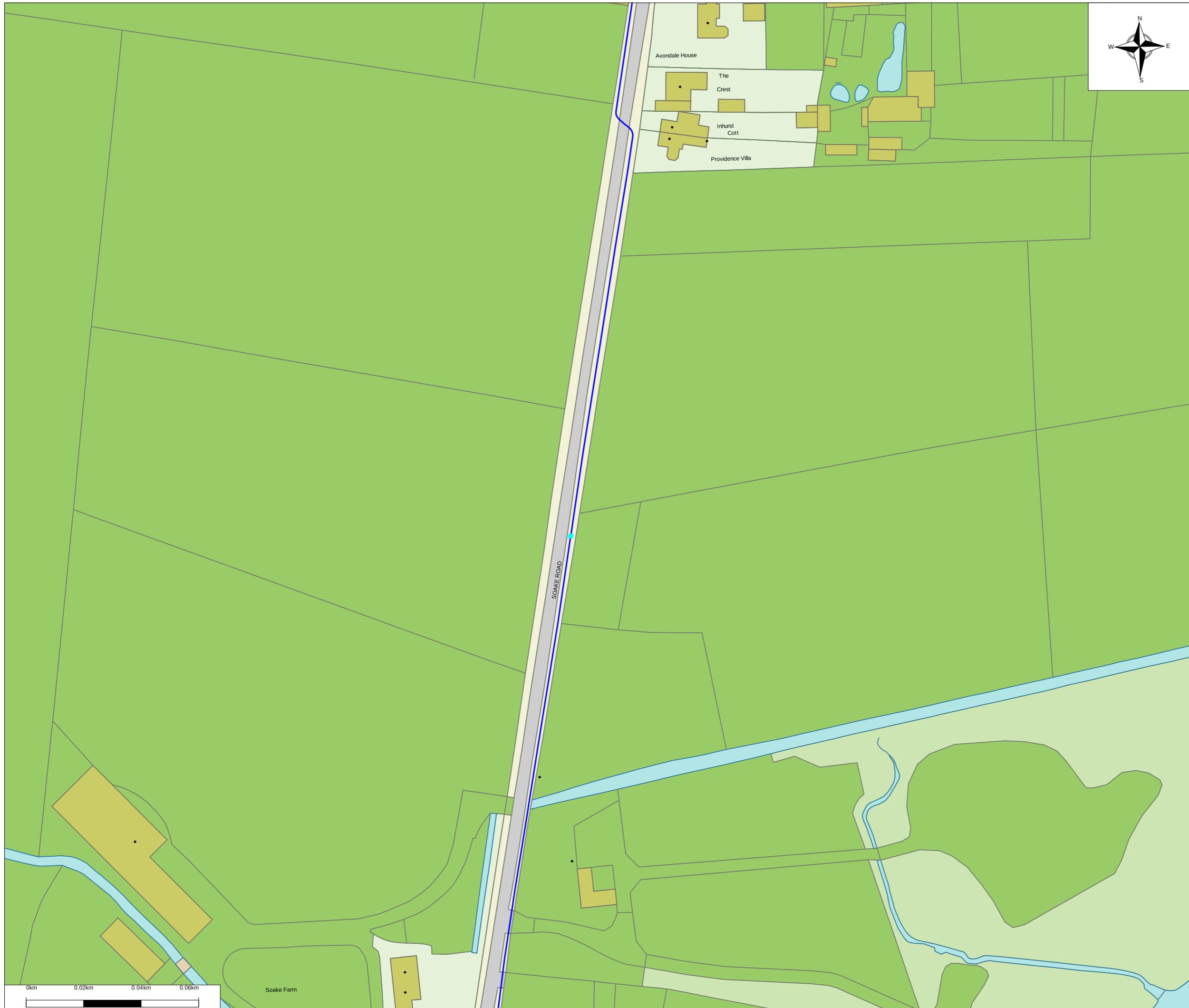
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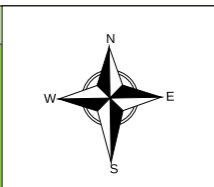
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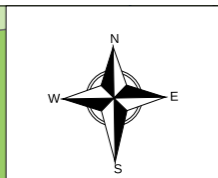
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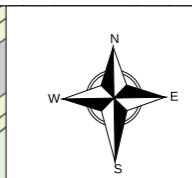
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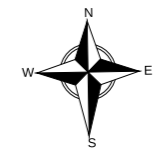
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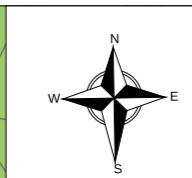
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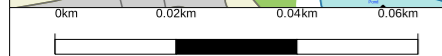


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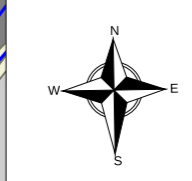
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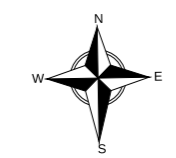
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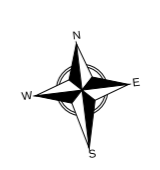
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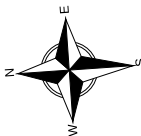









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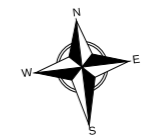
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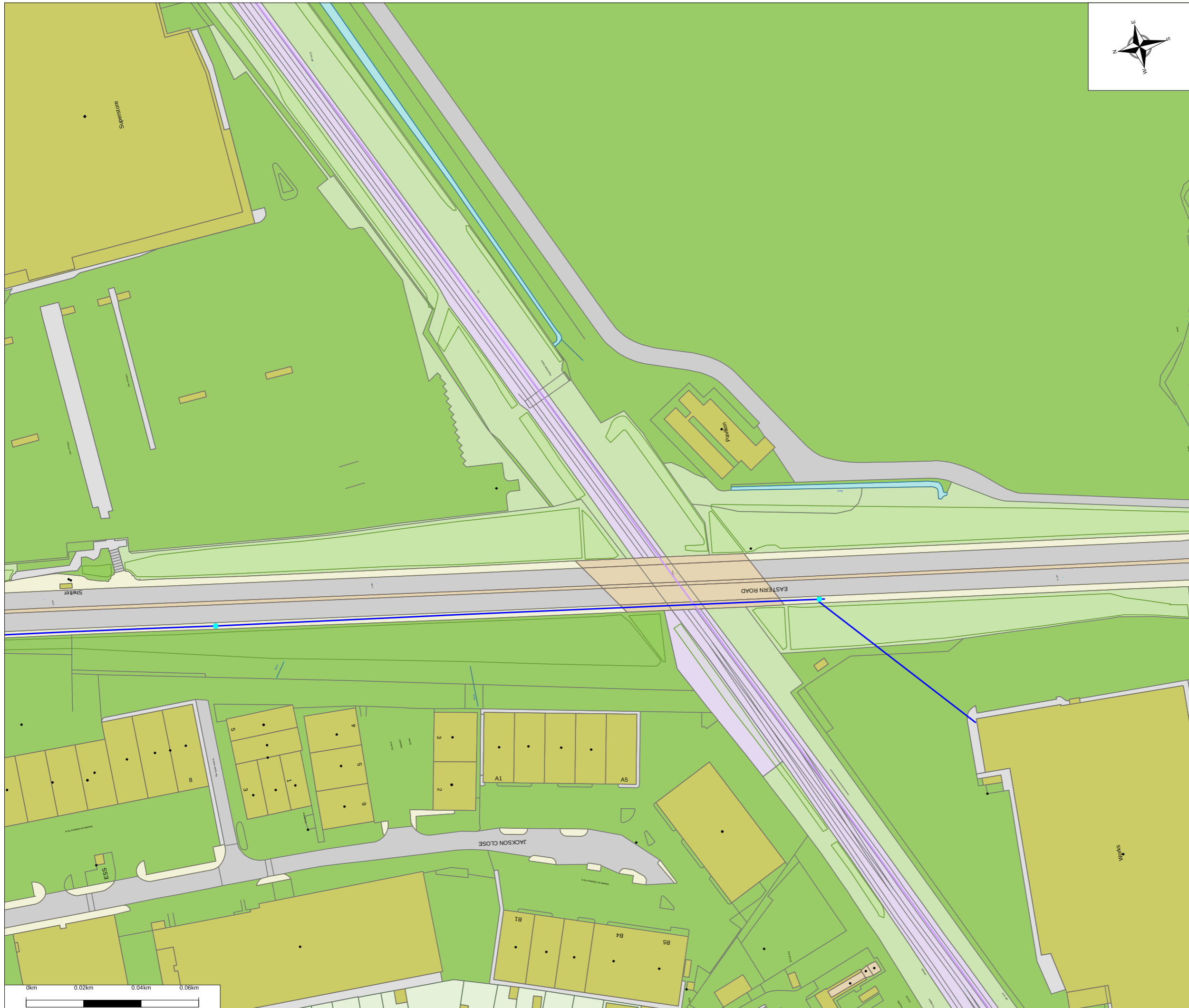


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# Special Requirements relating to the External Plant Network of Vodafone

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## 1. Introduction

This document sets out the procedure that will apply when Other Parties intend or are undertaking works in the vicinity of Vodafone apparatus (see Appendix B for further information on what constitutes Vodafone apparatus).

## 2. Purpose of document

This document provides a means by which the Vodafone specific special requirements relating to their apparatus, regardless of it being situated in the public highway / road, private street, land or any other areas, is made aware to Other Parties.





### 3. Scope

This document will be presented to Other Parties or Contractors to encourage those undertaking works within the vicinity of Vodafone apparatus to refer to and comply with. This is in order to protect where necessary the Vodafone apparatus and to avoid damage to the apparatus and loss of service.

A National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) document NJUG Volume 3 Guidelines on the Management of Third Party Cable Ducting provides useful reference material.

It should be noted that, where appropriate, additional information on avoiding danger from underground apparatus is contained within the HSG47 guidance book titled "Avoiding Danger from Underground Services."

### 4. Vodafone Network and Apparatus

Damage to Vodafone apparatus is extremely disruptive and can be expensive to repair, especially where long lengths of cable have to be replaced.

In order to maintain the network integrity and minimise disruption to service, it is essential that disturbances are absolutely minimal. When working within the vicinity of Vodafone apparatus, extreme care is necessary in order to avoid costly repairs. The Other Parties / Contractor shall make every effort to ensure that disturbance of Vodafone apparatus is no more than is absolutely necessary for the completion of the works in accordance with their contract. It should be noted that it is an offence to interfere with Vodafone apparatus without first contacting the company for advice.

### 5. Plant records

It is the responsibility of the Other Parties undertaking works which may affect Vodafone apparatus to obtain all relevant Vodafone plant records from our agent Atkins Global prior to works commencing. This may be done by contacting the Atkins Global Plant Enquiries Team listed in Appendix B.

Plant records for such enquiries will generally be provided within 10 working days of receipt and in compliance with the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 [NRSWA] requirements.

### 6. Definitions

The following definitions are applicable in this document:

- a) **Apparatus** - means all surface or sub-surface equipment and plant used by Vodafone including any associated cables or ducts owned, leased or rented by Vodafone.
- b) **Cable** - means any polythene or other sheath containing optical fibres or metallic conductors.
- c) **Depth of cover** - means the depth from the surface to the topmost barrel of the duct nest, in the case of ducts encased in concrete, to the top of the concrete, and in the case of directly buried cable, the top of the cable.
- d) **Jointing chamber** - means any manhole, surface box or other chamber giving access to Vodafone apparatus or their network.
- e) **Utility** - means an organisation licensed to provide gas, water, electricity, Cable TV or telecommunications services.
- f) **Developer** - means an organisation licensed to develop industrial/residential premises or given license to connect to utility apparatus.



- g) **Contractor** - means the individual, firm or company contracted to undertake the work for a Utility or Other Parties.
- h) **Other Parties** - means the Utilities, Highway or Roads Authorities, Developers, Street/Roads Authority Section 50/109 licensees
- i) **Site** - means the location of, or in the vicinity of, the various works.

## 7. Requirements

Prior to commencing any work or moving heavy plant or equipment over any portion of the site, the Other Parties or Contractor shall notify Vodafone of their intentions. This may be done by contacting Vodafone via the contact list in Appendix B.

Upon receipt of this notification, Vodafone will identify if their apparatus is affected. If any Vodafone apparatus is affected by the works then they will arrange for the necessary records to be provided and confirm details of Vodafone apparatus and network operated within the affected area or adjacent to the proposed work site.

### 7.1 Location of Plant

It is the responsibility of the Other Parties or Contractors to undertake adequate plant location procedures. These may include searches for metallic cables which must be performed by actively inducing a signal in a cable conductor via a transmitter. A passive search is not considered sufficient.

Before applying a tracing signal to the Vodafone apparatus, the Other Parties or Contractors shall seek confirmation from Atkins Global that the Vodafone apparatus will not suffer any disruption to its networks normal workings as a result of the nature of the signal being induced.

### 7.2 Trial excavations

Optic fibre cables are very susceptible to damage from excavation tools. They are not electrically conductive and cannot be located by radio induction methods. Once an approximate location is known, the exact location must be ascertained by means of hand dug pilot holes. Where the work to be carried out by the Other Party or Contractor involves excavation in the vicinity of our apparatus, the Other Party or Contractor shall, by trial excavation at his own expense, determine the exact location and depth of the Vodafone apparatus. All excavations adjacent to the Vodafone apparatus are to be carried out by hand until the extent and /or location of the apparatus is known.

**All excavation work shall be executed in accordance with the current issue of Health and Safety series booklet HSG47, Avoiding danger from underground services.**

## 8. Depths of cover

The Other Party or Contractor should note that the minimum depths of cover for Vodafone apparatus shall be maintained together with specified separation requirements. Where the minimum depths of cover specified by Vodafone cannot be maintained, the Other Party or Contractor shall at their own expense, carry out the instructions of Vodafone requirements for the protection or diversion of their apparatus.

**The Other Party or Contractor should have particular regard to the possibility of encountering Vodafone apparatus (including ducts and cables), at depths of cover other than that reported.**

Surface cables (such as cables on bridges or walls) which are liable to be placed in danger from the Other Parties or Contractors works shall be protected, at the Other Parties expense, as directed by the Vodafone representative.



## 9. Separation

Reference should be made to HSG47 to ensure that adequate separation is achieved. The following details outline the specific requirements of Vodafone and capture the HSG47 requirements.

### 9.1 High voltage cables

High voltage single core cables of 1000 V and above shall have a minimum clearance from Company Apparatus of 500 mm.

High voltage multi-core cables of 1000 V and above shall have a minimum clearance from Company Apparatus of 350 mm.

In exceptional circumstances where the above clearances cannot be maintained, the separating distance may be reduced to a minimum of 175 mm. In such circumstances, concrete, of a quality as directed by the Company Representative, must be inserted to completely fill the space between the High Voltage cable and the Company Apparatus, in accordance with the requirements of the Company Representative. Any further services must have a minimum clearance of 250 mm from the concrete.

### 9.2 Low voltage cables

Low voltage cables of less than 1000 V shall have a minimum clearance from Company Apparatus of 180 mm. In exceptional circumstances where the above clearance cannot be maintained, the separating distance may be reduced to a minimum of 75 mm. In such circumstances, concrete, of a quality as directed by the Company Representative, must be inserted to completely fill the space between the services, in accordance with the requirements of the Company Representative. Any further services must have a minimum clearance of 250 mm from the concrete.

### 9.3 Ancillary electrical apparatus

Street furniture such as lamp posts, traffic posts and other such ancillary electrical apparatus shall have a minimum clearance of 150 mm from underground Company Apparatus and 600mm clearance from above ground Company Apparatus.

### 9.4 High pressure gas mains and other Undertakers plant/equipment

High pressure gas mains shall have a minimum clearance of 450 mm from Company Apparatus. All other undertakers' plant and equipment, when running in parallel with Company Apparatus, shall have a minimum clearance of 200mm. Where gas mains cross Company Apparatus, the minimum clearance shall be 200mm. All other undertakers' plant and equipment, when running across Company Apparatus, shall have a minimum clearance of 100 mm. NJUG Volume 1, Guidelines on the positioning and colour coding of underground utilities' apparatus refers.

### 9.5 Other Undertakers plant

Other undertakers' plant and equipment which runs in parallel with Company Apparatus shall have a minimum clearance of 200mm. All other undertakers' plant and equipment when running across Company Apparatus shall have a minimum clearance of 100mm.

### 9.6 Tramways

Each separating distance shall be individually agreed with the Company Representative.



## 10. Jointing chambers

### 10.1 Protection

Footway type jointing chambers are not designed to withstand carriageway loadings.

Where such chambers are liable to be placed at risk, either temporarily or permanently, from vehicular traffic or from the movement of plant and/or equipment, they will need to be adequately protected. Alternatively, they may have to be demolished and rebuilt to carriageway standards, at the Other Parties or Contractors expense under supervision of Vodafone representative.

All Vodafone jointing chambers and / or other access points shall be kept clear and unobstructed. Access for vehicles, winches, cable drums and / or any further equipment required by Vodafone for the maintenance of its apparatus, must be maintained at all reasonable times.

### 10.2 Access

The covers to Vodafone jointing chambers and / or apparatus shall only be lifted by means of the appropriate keys and under the direct supervision of a Vodafone representative. Other Parties or Contractors shall not enter any Vodafone jointing chamber and / or apparatus unless under the supervision of a Vodafone representative and in any case not before the mandatory gas test has been carried out in the presence of Vodafone representative and such checks have shown it to be safe to enter the Vodafone chamber and / or apparatus. The Other Parties or Contractors shall be given reasonable access to Vodafone apparatus and chambers when required.

## 11. Notification periods

Where the Other Parties or Contractors works or the movement of plant or equipment may endanger Vodafone apparatus, the Other Party or Contractor shall give the Vodafone **at least 7 working days'** notice in writing of the intended date to commence operations.

No excavation should be made without first consulting the relevant Vodafone apparatus layout drawings, which will be made available from the Vodafone agent Atkins Global on request and allowing 28 working days for processing the relevant drawings. However, should this not be possible, direct contact should be made to the Atkins Global Plant Enquiries Team as soon as possible to assess the situation.

When excavating, moving or backfilling (including use of Foamed Concrete for Reinstatements— FCR) around Vodafone apparatus, Vodafone shall be given adequate prior written notice of the Other Parties or Contractors intentions, in order that the works may be adequately supervised. Such notice shall not be less than 3 working days.

## 12. Excavation and backfill

All excavations adjacent to Vodafone apparatus are to be carried out by hand until the extent and or location of the Vodafone apparatus is known.

Use of mechanical borers and / or excavators shall not be used without the supervisory presence of a Vodafone representative or a given exemption.

Shuttering of the excavation or support to Vodafone apparatus, at the Other Parties or Contractors expense, shall be used as directed by the Vodafone representative.

At least 7 working days' notice must be given to Vodafone in order that any special protective measures which may be required to protect Vodafone apparatus, at the Other Parties or Contractors expense, when equipment such as pile driving, explosives, laser cutting high powered RF equipment or RF test gear, is to be used in conjunction with the works.



Other Parties or Contractors are advised to refer to the National Joint Utilities Group publication: NJUG Volume 1- Guidelines on the Positioning and Colour Coding of Underground Utilities' Apparatus

## 13. Foam concrete

If foam concrete is being used as the backfill material, it shall not be used either above or within 500 mm of any Company Apparatus. A suitable material in accordance with the specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways shall be substituted.

## 14. Attendance of Company Representative

If a situation requires the attendance on site of a Vodafone representative for a continuous period of more than 6 hours, suitable facilities shall be provided by the Other Party or Contractor, at their expense, to meet the office and ablution requirements. If a situation arises that requires urgent attention Vodafone will endeavour to attend site within 2 hours for all other occasions arising, 24 hours.

## 15. Damage reports

In the event of any damage whatsoever occurring to Vodafone apparatus, the Other Party or Contractor shall immediately inform Vodafone by contacting their 24/7 number , (for contact details please refer to Appendix A).

All relevant costs of any subsequent repair and / or removal of the Vodafone apparatus shall be charged to the Other Party or Contractor, irrespective of who affects the repair.

The above requirements do not relieve the Other Party or Contractor of any of their obligations under their contract.



# 16. Appendix A – Street Works Team Contacts for Vodafone

Function	Address	Phone	Email Address
<b>Streetworks Team</b>	Vodafone Damage Claims, Pavilion 4, 1-2 Berkeley Square , 99 Berkeley Street Glasgow G3 7HR	<b>0333 304 0759</b>	<a href="mailto:utilitiescentre@vodafone.com">utilitiescentre@vodafone.com</a>
<b>Customer Complaints</b>	n/a	<b>0333 304 0762</b>	n/a
<b>Liability Claims Or Damage to Vodafone Apparatus</b>	Vodafone Damage Claims, Pavilion 4, 1-2 Berkeley Square , 99 Berkeley Street Glasgow G3 7HR	<b>0333 304 1104</b>	<a href="mailto:claims@vodafone.com">claims@vodafone.com</a>
<b>Diversorary Works C2</b>	Atkins Global, The Hub, 500 Park Avenue, Aztec West, Bristol, BS32 4RZ	<b>T:01454 662881</b>	<a href="mailto:osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com">osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com</a>
<b>Diversorary Works C3/C4 Escalations</b>	Smale House, Floor 2E, 114 Great Suffolk Street, London, SE1 OSL	+44 13446 02635	<a href="mailto:c3requests@vodafone.com">c3requests@vodafone.com</a>
<b>Emergencies 24 Hour – Defects &amp; Faults</b>	n/a	<b>0333 304 0762</b>	n/a
<b>Plant Enquiries Vodafone inc: Cable &amp; Wireless; Mercury Communications; Thus Plc; Energis; Scottish Telecom; Your Comms; Norweb Comms</b>	Atkins Global, The Hub, 500 Park Avenue, Aztec West, Bristol, BS32 4RZ	<b>T:01454 662881</b>	<a href="mailto:osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com">osm.enquiries@atkinsglobal.com</a>



## 17. Appendix B – What constitutes Vodafone Network

Vodafone own fibre network dedicated to business and residential users of telecommunications and has an international cable network that provides connectivity to 153 countries, either directly or indirectly through partners, reaching across the Atlantic Ocean, through Europe and on to India and throughout Asia. Spanning approximately 500,000 km in length, including interests in more than 69 major global cable systems, our next-generation network improves the quality and performance of telecommunications services through our use of advance optical and IP transmission.

In the UK & Ireland Vodafone’s overall network includes the following legacy networks now owned through acquisitions or Company name changes.

Below are examples of what you could see on the streets and should be aware of:



Vodafone Limited



Cable & Wireless U.K



Special Requirements relating to the External Plant Network of Vodafone



Mercury Communications Limited



Energis Communications Limited



Thus plc





Special Requirements relating to the External Plant Network of Vodafone



Scottish Telecom



Your Communications





Norweb Communications



Our apparatus is installed in roads and streets of UK and Ireland, however in some places is undistinguishable from other operators' apparatus, for example in City Centres where high quality infill modular paving chamber covers are found; some with labels and some without.

See below as examples:





The apparatus shown here is now owned, maintained and still in operation by Vodafone and includes.

- Vodafone Limited
- Cable & Wireless U.K
- Mercury Communications Limited
- Energis Communications Limited
- Thus plc, now Thus Group Holdings Limited
- Your Communications Group Limited

Please see the Contact Details in Appendix A for Plant Enquiries and help on site.



## 18. About this Document

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Changes since last version

Reformatted using the current Vodafone template to include updated Contact Details .

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**The Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

**The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)  
Rules 2010**

**The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition)  
Regulations 2010**

We are writing to inform you that the Examining Authority has made a Procedural Decision to accept the Applicant's proposed changes to the scheme.

The Examining Authority has also confirmed that several persons have been granted Interested Party status under s102 of the Planning Act 2008.

Copies of the letters containing further information relating to the above can be found here:

- Procedural Decision to accept the Applicant's change request (letter to the Applicant):  
**[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002843](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002843)**

- Procedural Decision to accept the Applicant's change request (letter to all Interested Parties):  
**[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002844](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002844)**
- Confirmation of s102 parties and request for further information:  
**[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002845](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002845)**

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Kind regards

AQUIND Interconnector Project Case Team

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## Unique Reference: **AQUI-AFP585**

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**The Planning Act 2008, Section 89, and The Infrastructure  
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, Rules 9 &  
13**

**Application by AQUIND Limited for an Order Granting  
Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector  
Project**

The Examining Authority has confirmed the Hearings to be held during the week commencing 14 December 2020:

- Monday 14 December 2020: Issue Specific Hearing 2 into Traffic, Highways and Air Quality (ISH2) – Starts at 10:00 (Arrangements conference starts 09:30). This will take place virtually;
- Tuesday 15 December 2020: Issue Specific Hearing 3 into Environmental Matters (ISH3) – Starts at 10:00 (Arrangements conference starts 09:30). This will take place virtually.

The ExA is conscious of the continued threat of, and uncertainties around, COVID-19 and the latest Government guidance and restrictions. Equally, the Government has made it clear that the consenting processes for national infrastructure projects should

progress. Therefore, the Hearings will be held by virtual means, through Microsoft Teams.

The Examining Authority has also made a Procedural Decision to postpone all planning for a possible Accompanied Site Inspection until early 2021.

A copy of the Examining Authority's letter can be seen here:

**[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002837](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-002837)**

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As a result of ongoing Government guidance relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), our office based at Temple Quay House is temporarily closed and any submissions sent by post will be subject to delay.

The Planning Inspectorate is seeking to ensure that all Parties are notified of key developments on projects in a timely manner. In order to help achieve this, and to minimise any delays, it would be extremely helpful if Parties could supply us with a contact e-mail address as soon as possible to the project e-mail address: [aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Kind regards

AQUIND Interconnector Project Case Team

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