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To Whom It May Concern,

We have received notification via your recent LSBUD enquiry indicating proposed works within the vicinity of an SGN high-pressure gas pipeline (typically operating at approximately 38 bar / 507 psig).

Please be advised that no works are permitted to proceed until SGN has been formally consulted and written authorisation has been granted. This is a mandatory safety requirement in accordance with SGN Work Instruction SW/2 – Safe Working in the Vicinity of Pipelines and Associated Installations, supported by the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the Pipelines Safety Regulations 1996, and HSE Guidance HSG47 (Avoiding Danger from Underground Services).

To ensure the safety of your personnel, the public, and SGN's critical infrastructure, please respond to this email confirming:

- The nature and scope of the proposed works
- The planned start date of activities
- The exact location of the works (attach clear drawings, job packs, or plans if available)
- If you are administrative staff, please forward this correspondence to or copy in the responsible project or site manager without delay.

Key Safety Requirements

- No mechanical excavation is permitted within 3 metres of an SGN high-pressure pipeline, irrespective of whether the pipeline has been located and marked.
- All works within the 3-metre hazard zone must be supervised by SGN personnel.
- In accordance with HSG47, paragraph 33, you must consult the pipeline operator before commencing any works near gas infrastructure operating above 2 bar.

Support Provided by SGN (Free of Charge)

SGN can assist with:

- Locating and marking the pipeline on site
- Supervising works carried out in the vicinity of the pipeline

- Issuing and managing the required Permit to Work (PTW) under the Safe Control of Operations (SCO) procedure.

Please note that SGN pipelines are subject to routine aerial and ground surveillance. Unauthorised works in proximity to our assets may result in the issue of an Encroachment Notice, and any damage caused could lead to prosecution under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

Your cooperation is essential in maintaining a safe working environment and protecting critical national infrastructure. We appreciate your prompt response to enable the necessary coordination progress.

Kind Regards,

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