



Issues

- *Contractors to follow procedures to mark identified STATS prior to excavating*
- *Gaps in information from Principal Designer within Pre-Construction Information*
- *Received information from service providers Up to date, suitable and sufficient?*
- *Size and scale of STATS information suitable?*



Mitigation

Design

- Ensure communication between STATS companies and Designers
- Implement design clash reviews (3D BIM clash reviews)
- Ensure Pre-Construction is specific and contains accurate information
- Can further surveys / trial pits confirm STATS location at an early design stage?



Radar survey equipment to locate services

Construction

- Can the excavation be avoided?
- Ensure all operatives are competent, aware and have been suitably briefed
- Ensure accuracy of received information
- Contact STATS companies to confirm for construction stage
- Conduct further GPR surveys prior to breaking ground
- Undertake work over of site to identify potential services on the surface (within long grass, etc.)
- Identify and mark STATS on the ground
- Ensure Permit to excavate / Dig is appropriate and in place
- Undertake trial pits where required to confirm
- Remain vigilant for evidence of potential STATS whilst digging



Surface marking of surveyed utilities

Maintenance / Operations

- Locations of known STATS to be identified on drawings / Health & Safety Files
- Ensure staff are briefed on locations
- Review locations prior to undertaking works – Aware of potential surface laying services

LINKS

HEi053 (Underground Services) – [Link](#)
 HSG47 – Avoiding danger from Underground Services – [Link](#)
 PAS128 – Specification for Underground utility detection, verification and location – [Link](#)
 Raising the bar (RtB) 9 – Service Avoidance - [Link](#)

Examples of Significant Risks

Activity / Incident	Risk	Persons Affected	Likelihood / Severity
Construction	Underground Services / Unknown	Construction workers	L: Medium S: High
Access for inspection / maintenance	Underground Services / Unknown	O & M personnel, Landscaper	L: Medium S: High
Use	Underground Services / Unknown	Road users	L: Medium S: High



Please submit any feedback, examples of similar issues, or best practice to:
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