# **ALARM** - Automatic Location of Arc-faults through Remote Monitoring

# **Results and Learning from the Phase One Monitoring Period**

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#### **Exec Summary – Introduction**

- The project is demonstrating a technically alternative and lower cost approach to identifying the location of transient LV (pecking) faults while the cable is in normal service, before they are presenting multiple fuse operations (and associated customer interruptions), and also before they have developed to a permanent fault requiring immediate location and repair.
- Installed monitors capture voltage and current waveforms from LV feeders when pre-set triggers are activated. The captured waveforms are then forwarded via a GPRS data connection to a data repository. From there, the captured data is processed and impedance values for the monitored network at the time of the event are estimated. This is used as the lead indicator to establish a distance to fault (DTF) estimate. DTF estimates are established for all events conforming to a "pecking fault" characteristic, and a DTF assessment for a feeder is developed from this overall result set. The project's original scope than manually translates DTF to network position.
- The project will achieve its aims by using monitoring devices at 25 selected sites in the East Midlands region, and assessing the effectiveness of the associated distance-to-fault calculation results on real networks in normal service.
- The partner for this project is Lucy Electric GridKey.
- The project will run from Sep 2019 Apr 2022 with two distinct phases, and a budget of £493k.





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DTF assessment

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Data processing

#### **ALARM PHASE 1 REPORT**

#### **Exec Summary - Overview**

- The Phase One deployed equipment has successfully captured "pecking" events on all the 26 deployed monitors, consistent with capability expectations of the Phase One installed equipment.
- 7,990 pecking events (including single phase and phase-phase events) have been analysed. 2,647 events have been found to give be good quality fits, compared to the expected electrical behaviour of a feeder with a pecking fault.
- 77% of these 2,647 events from ~six months of monitoring have occurred on 13 of the monitored feeders, these feeders all have 20 or more events per feeder.
- The analysis process for these events has been modified based on collected field data, improving the extent to which the model agrees with measured data.
- Whilst the individual "fits" for events appear good, variation exists in the resulting event DTFs. For three feeders, the histogram of events vs distance could reasonably be interpreted (Victoria Road–4, Fairefield–4, and Union Street-4) These three feeders alone account for 65% of the higher quality assessed events. DTF indications are also emerging for around 10 further feeders, and cautious indications have been offered to local teams for some of these feeders on a "best information available" basis.
- Cross-checks on location for Victoria Road 4 and Fairefield 4 are currently underway (this activity was originally expected in Phase 2), to provide additional data and learning.
- Phase One has achieved its fundamental aims of proving the data collection and analysis concept, and informing the development of assessment processes that will be more fully tested in Phase Two of the project, when enhanced hardware becomes available as planned.

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Result inclusion filter

#### Site

Victoria Road - 4 Fairefield Crescent - 4 Union Street - 4 Ravenstone Road - 1 Gulson Road - 2 Gulson Road - 2 Gulson Road - 2 Ravenstone Road - 2 Rosemary Hill - 2 The Grange Ashby - 1 Nottingham Road - 2 Seagrave Road - 3 Nutfield Road - 4 **Grand Total** 







# **Exec Summary – Key Learning**

- One significant issue has been identified with the MCU firmware, where mis-identification of the feeder associated with the event was occurring. Firmware has been revised, and a review of existing data has been undertaken to provide a corrected feeder identification where possible. It is concluded that despite the issue, the resulting dataset (including corrected indications) is still credible and reliable.
- Current hardware captures a relatively modest amount of data around each event (single cycle of data before and after the initiation of an event). This limits understanding of suspected subsequent cycle events. Phase 2 hardware will capture higher resolution waveforms per initiating event.
- The current system implements a "lock-out" period post waveform acquisition of 1 minute. During this time no further waveform acquisition occurs. The consequence of this is that events could occur during this lock-out window, but not be captured. The revised Phase 2 hardware is expected to reduce this.
- A small number of other firmware issues and irregularities have been identified (e.g. captured waveforms not re-queued for transmission during periods of low GSM signal strength and consequentially lost; a relatively small number of time periods with missing periodic data). It is expected that changes to firmware with Phase 2 will improve this.
- Installation of flexi-sensors around fuse handles requires precise placement. Contact with a hot fuse can damage the sensor and apply phase voltages to the sensor inputs to the MCU, damaging the MCU.
- The relatively wide range seen within DTF results for any specific feeder may be due to limitations of the passive acquisition hardware for Phase 1 of the project. Phase 2 will have improved waveform acquisition hardware, and a key point of further learning will be the extent to which this improved hardware (e.g. high sampling rate, improved upstream impedance assessment etc.) reduces the range seen in results.



#### **Pre-correction Data**



#### **Pre-correction Data**

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der 🔻	Count of Events
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nd Total	790

#### Post-correction Data

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Result inclusion filter	TRUE	T,
Reviewed Feeder	<b>Count of Event</b>	S
1	3	37
2	Z	16
3	2	20
4	68	37
Grand Total	79	<b>)</b> ()

#### **Exec Summary – Headline Feeders**

- Three feeders have accumulated 63% of all higher quality events (events with a better fit of actual results to modelled results).
- The DTF result sets for these feeders are now sufficiently credible that crosschecks of the indicated locations will be progressed starting with Victoria Road– 4.
- Not all feeders are currently providing such clear indications. In part this is perhaps due to the volume of incidents, and probably due to there being more to understand about events on these feeders. Examples of this are Ravenstone Road Feeders 1 & 2.
- This cross-check activity will initially establish practical details of how nonintrusive validation of results can be achieved within the project context (originally this activity was expected as part of project Phase 2).
- Ultimately the projects aspiration is to physically replace identified components to demonstrate the accuracy of the location process.





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#### **ALARM PHASE 1 REPORT**

# Equipment

- The ALARM project is based on the Lucy Electric GridKey MCU318 device.
- The GridKey MCU318 is a continuous monitoring solution for low voltage (LV) networks. It consists of a number of current sensors on each feeder together with common voltage taps, connected to a Metrology and Communications Unit (MCU) which processes the sensor data and generates and logs substation loading and condition parameters. This information is relayed to a cloud based GridKey Data Centre where the data is securely stored, analysed and displayed.
- For Phase One of the project, the MCU318 units have been • fitted with an additional passive wide dynamic range attenuator to allow complete fault current waveforms to be captured without clipping. During Phase Two of the project, these passive attenuators will be field upgraded with an active plug-in module to capture a higher resolution unclipped current waveforms







# **Monitoring Sites**

- 25 monitoring sites have been selected across WPD's East Midlands region. Sites have been selected through assessment of previous fault history and in consultation with local field teams
- The intention has been to locate the monitors at sites that have had fuse operations, to test the projects second objective and to mitigating an initial project risk of monitoring at sites that don't provide useful data. There was also the recognition that monitoring at sites where a repair is completed (either just before deployment or following deployment) was also a potential issue, likely to lead to an absence of useful captured data. To date, a monitor has been moved from one site due to a fault repair post initial deployment.

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# Installation and Commissioning

- Installation of the monitors has been undertaken by WPD Network Service personnel who ordinarily work in the areas that the monitors have been installed in. This has been carried out according to WPD's Standard Technique SP2KD/2, and all other normal working practices.
- The monitors have been installed in a range of LV board arrangements.
- Commissioning of the monitors principally consists of ensuring that correct alignment of phase current measurements with phase voltage measurements (from installation), confirming remote data connection, and applying appropriate substation and feeder names, plus a geographic reference for the site. This is initially checked using a Windows based configuration tool (though an Android version is also available). The type of current sensor used (i.e. SlimSense or FlexiSense) is automatically detected by the MCU.
- Remote collection of routine data measurement was confirmed by checking receipt of data by the GridKey Data Centre.

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#### **ALARM PHASE 1 REPORT**

# **Captured Events**

- Events have been captured from 26 • monitoring devices installed at 25 sites (one site has two monitors), providing surveillance of 110 LV feeder.
- Surveillance was fully in place from ullet06/03/2020, with some units active from 24/02/2020.
- 7,990 events have been assessed, with • assessed events occurring at all the installed monitors.
- 2,647 events have a "higher quality" ٠ assessment result<sup>1</sup>.
- 77% of these higher quality results occur on ٠ 13 feeders at 11 Sites. Each of these feeders has 20 or more captured events.
- This presentation focuses on these 13 feeders.

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	<b>↓</b> events		Jevents	Site	💶 events	
Victoria Road	2287	Victoria Road	1363	Victoria Road - 4	1040	39%
Ravenstone Road	835	Fairefield Crescent	545	Fairefield Crescent - 4	528	59%
Fairefield Crescent	743	Union Street	130	Union Street - 4	110	63%
Boundary Road	616	Gulson Road	121	Ravenstone Road - 1	89	67%
Nutfield Road	440	Ravenstone Road	120	Gulson Road - 2	50	69%
Seagrave Road	384	Nutfield Road	73	Gulson Road - 1	42	70%
St Johns St NP	317	Rosemary Hill	35	Nutfield Road - 2	37	72%
Union Street	293	Seagrave Road	35	Ravenstone Road - 2	30	73%
Nottingham Road	292	Nottingham Road	34	Rosemary Hill - 2	27	74%
Gulson Road	245	The Grange Ashby	24	The Grange Ashby - 1	23	75%
Montreal Road	213	Boundary Road	22	Nottingham Road - 2	22	75%
White Street Flyover	173	Corporation Street Tx2	22	Seagrave Road - 3	20	76%
Hazel Close	168	Montreal Road	17	Nutfield Road - 4	20	77%
Corporation Street Tx2	165	Westfield Rd Bletchley	16	Grand Total	2038	77%
Rosemary Hill	159	White Street Flyover	13			
Westfield Rd Bletchley	103	Hazel Close	12			
College Fields Wolverton	101	Quaker Rd Sileby	12			
Quaker Rd Sileby	100	Forest St Shepshed	11	Notes:		
Forest St Shepshed	88	Market Hall Wolverton	9	1. A "high	er quality"	
Meridian West Mattel	68	St Johns St NP	8	assessr	nent falls with	nin
The Grange Ashby	66	Auburn Road	6	limits s	et for fitting e	error,
Warren Green	33	Warren Green	6	arc volt	tage value and	d DTF
Corporation Street TX1	30	Corporation Street TX1	5	distanc	е	
Auburn Road	27	<b>College Fields Wolverton</b>	3	2. Gulson	Road -2 in th	е
Market Hall Wolverton	26	Meridian West Mattel	3	above	table relates t	o WPE
Templar Av School	18	Templar Av School	2	Feeder	3.	
Grand Total	7990	Grand Total	2647			

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#### Events over time – 1

- Events have occurred at different daily rates over the monitoring period to date.
- Project focus is on those events that show a high degree of conformance to GridKey modelled pecking faults (lower chart) – higher quality fits. Note the different vertical axis scales.
- Further learning opportunities may exist to initially examine those events that don't conform to the expected pecking fault characteristic.





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#### **Events over time - 2**

- Variations are seen in the level and type of activity for individual feeders
- Victoria Rd 4 (feeder with the most events) had seen one higher quality event to 06/06/2020 (Note: lower quality events were occurring prior to this, though at a lower rate).
- Fairefield Crescent 4 (feeder with the second most higher-quality events) has seen relatively consistent levels of higher quality activity.
- Ravenstone Road 1 (feeder with the fourth most events) has seen a very different pattern of events, a high number of events February, and virtually none since.

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# **Typical Captured Waveforms**

- Two types of event have been assessed.
- The upper chart shows a typical single phase conductor event (Fairefield Crescent - 4)
- The lower chart shows an event involving two phase conductors
- Both events see voltage disturbances corresponding to the triggering current events
- 98.3% of the events have involved a single phase conductor, and 1.7% have involved two phase conductors.





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# **Fuse Operation Waveforms**

- A small number of fuse operations have ulletoccurred on the monitored feeders, and some data from these has been captured.
- These fuse operating events display a • continuing fault current, though with the Phase 1 hardware only one cycle is captured (Phase 2 hardware is expected to capture higher resolution data for longer periods).
- At present, distance to fault is not calculated ulletfor these events.





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#### **Event location interpretation – 1**

- Interpretation of event location is developing, and is currently mainly based upon a simple statistical view of the most frequent distance and the mean distance arising the assessment results
- In all trial cases, significant variation has been seen in the distance to fault estimates for any given feeder
- Victoria Road 4 shows a reasonably symmetrical distribution of results with a mean estimate of 266m, though there is a broad range in the results (SD=80m).
- Fairefield Crescent 4 again shows a reasonably symmetrical distribution of results with a mean of 325m, and a smaller range than Victoria Road – 4 (SD=40m).
- Ravenstone Road 1 shows a lower number of events, and shows rather less symmetry with a wider range. The possibility of there being more than one defect point has been considered, without a conclusion yet.

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#### **Event location interpretation – 2**

- Translation of a distance to fault to a physical location is currently a manual process.
- Given the branched nature of most feeders, a single geographic location is often not possible from a simple distance to fault indication.
- Additional analysis is being investigated as an additional indicator of potential location, though this is still under development

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#### **DTF histograms - 1** (examples with > 10 events as at 31/08/2020 using revised feeder allocation)



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#### **DTF histograms - 2** (examples with > 10 events as at 31/08/2020 using revised feeder allocation)



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# **Key Outputs and Milestones**

Туре	Description	Due Date	Status	Comments	Completion Date
Milestone	Project Start	Mon 02/09/19	Complete	-	02/09/19
Milestone	LEGK NIA Contract Signed	Fri 18/10/19	Complete	-	18/10/2019
Milestone	Phase 1 LEGK DtF Equipment Deployed (26 locations)	Fri 14/02/20	Complete	Coding of revised firmware associated with Phase 1 monitoring encountered unexpected challenges, and introduced a minor delay. Change Request 001.	06/03/2020
Milestone	End of Phase 1 field work	Fri 28/08/20	Complete	-	28/08/20
Report	LEGK Phase 1 Report Accepted (Phase 1 learning & outcomes)	Fri 18/09/20	Complete	_	18/09/20
Milestone	Phase 2 LEGK Optimised DtF Equipment Deployed (26 locations)	Fri 16/10/20	Not Started	-	-
Milestone	Initial Comparisons and Validation of LEGK DtF Indications	Fri 08/01/21	Not Started	-	-
Milestone	End of Project Field Activities	Fri 06/08/21	Not Started	-	-
Document	Release of WPD St for GridKey DFT Deployment & Utilisation	Fri 12/11/21	Not Started	_	-
Milestone	Final Report Webinar Dissemination Complete	Fri 25/02/22	Not Started	-	-
Report	External issue of Close Down Report	Fri 15/04/22	Not Started	-	-
Milestone	End of Project	Fri 29/04/22	Not Started	-	-

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# **Status of Project Objectives - 1**

Objective	Status
Test the feasibility of a technical alternative and lower cost fault locating device.	Phase 1 of the project is now complete, with pecking e
	Key findings from Phase 1 - the histogram of events vs 4, Fairefield–4, and Union Street-4). These three feeder checks on location for Victoria Road – 4 and Fairefield 2), to provide additional data and learning. DTF indicat indications have been offered to local teams for some of
	<ul> <li>Key learning from Phase 1:</li> <li>the DTF analysis model has been modified based of measured data;</li> <li>a significant issue has been identified with the MCU was occurring, this has been corrected;</li> <li>Phase 1 hardware captures a relatively modest amore initiation of an event) which limits understanding of a waveforms per initiating event;</li> <li>a small number of other firmware issues and irregulate installation of flexi-sensors around fuse handles required and apply phase voltages to the sensor inputs to the limitations of the passive waveform acquisition hard results; Phase 2 will have improved acquisition hard this</li> </ul>

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firmware where mis-identification of the feeder associated with the event

ount of data around each event (single cycle of data before and after the suspected subsequent cycle events, Phase 2 hardware will capture more

larities have been identified, which will be addressed during Phase 2; quires precise placement, contact with a hot fuse can damage the sensor e MCU, revised installation arrangements have been developed; dware for Phase 1 may contribute the relatively wide range seen within DTF dware and a key point of further learning will be assessing the impact of

# **Status of Objectives - 2**

Objective	Status
Derive insight into the potential to more widely	Yet to start.
and cost-effectively deploy such monitoring	
equipment to feeders showing early	
indications damage (e.g. transient fuse	
operations).	



# **Status of Project Success Criteria - 1**

Success Criteria	Status
1) Identification of pecking faults within monitoring data, reliably distinguishing them from other network transients and disturbance	Within Phase 1 monitoring, cap es. confirm to the characteristics of phase motor starts even though this area.
<ol> <li>Capture of sufficient pecking fault data to estimate confidence in DtF indications for transient arc-faults.</li> </ol>	n Interpretation of event location of the most frequent distance a
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	Validation of GridKey locations
	how to express a level of confid



ptured waveforms are automatically screened to identify those events that of a pecking fault. For example, pecking faults are distinguished from threeh both event types currently trigger waveform capture. Work is ongoing in

is developing, and is currently mainly based upon a simple statistical view and the mean distance arising the assessment results.



has now started (originally a Phase 2 activity), and this will further inform dence in a specific DTF indication.

# **Status of Project Success Criteria - 2**

Success Criteria	Status
3) Quality of captured auxiliary data (e.g. upstream and downstream network impedance indications) is sufficient to support reliable distance to fault calculations.	Phase 1 monitoring is currently transformer nameplate data. Fu Phase 2 monitoring. Work is or
4) Quantitative understanding of the frequency and magnitude of transient arc-faults on monitored feeders	Data is being collated on the number monitors:
	Victoria Road -

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producing upstream impedance estimates that are comparable to urther refinement of upstream impedance estimates are expected with ngoing in this area.

umber of events that occur on an individual monitor, and is available for all



ents can be seen from the waveforms captured for each event:



g will be summarised towards the end of Phase 2.

# **Status of Project Success Criteria - 3**

Success Criteria	Status
5) Automatic generation and notification of distance to fault indications	Within the Phase 1 monitoring events. These scripts estimat associated with an individual e generated. Learning from Phase undertaken throughout Phase provide associated automated specific events such as a fuse
6) DtF indications are successfully used by local teams to guide repairs ahead of permanent faults developing	Potential fault locations have b generated from these experier



period, automated scripts are being run to screen and assess captured te a distance to fault for an individual event, plus process metrics event. Histograms of numbers of events versus DTF are also automatically se 1 monitoring has refined this assessment process. Further work will be 2 to automatically generate and appropriately display DTF indications, and notification (e.g. current DTF indications on a regular basis, and upon operation)

been discussed with local teams for a number of sites. Learning has been nces which will be further applied to Phase 2 of the project.

# **Issue with feeder identification - Overview**

- An issue has been identified where some captured events were given erroneous feeder allocation.
- The apparent coincidental initiation of pecking faults on all 4 feeders at Victoria Road (see chart) in from ~09/06/2020 prompted a review of input data and data processing. This demonstrated that a large proportion of (and probably virtually all) of the captured events were associated with only one feeder/defect.
- The cause of the issue has been identified, and a fix of applicable software processing has been put in place. A review of existing data has been undertaken to provide a corrected feeder identification where possible. It is concluded that despite this issue, underlying (corrected) indications are still credible and reliable.
- An example of pre- and post-correction event counts by feeder is shown here for Victoria Road. In this example a significant majority of events originally associated with Feeders 1-3 have been positively identified as actually being associated with Feeder 4, and the original identification has an additional corrected association applied.
- It has not been possible to positively identify a minority of events originally associated with Feeders 1-3, these events have been left with their original feeder identification, these feeders are disregarded for now.

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**Pre-correction Data** 



#### **Pre-correction Data**



#### Post-correction Data

Site	Victoria Road	<b>.</b>
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Reviewed Feeder	Count of Even	ts
1		37
2		46
3		20
4	6	687
Grand Total	7	'90

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# **Location Results Validation**

- Location validation work was originally intended to be undertaken during Phase 2 – Phase 1 results on a few site warrant bringing this work forward.
- Initial validation work has involved the use of an alternative fault location device(s), capable of detecting transient fault conditions, that does not use an impedance method. Time domain reflectometrybased (TDR) monitors are being used.
- It is hoped that later validation work will include the removal of an identified "faulty" component/section and demonstrate the future absence of "pecking" events.
- Early validation activities at a Milton Keynes site proved inconclusive due to TDR monitor placement challenges on the network – this site will be re-visited.
- Validation work at a Leicester site is now underway, with initial results • corroborating GridKey indications along the western branch. This work continues.

capture. substation





# **Individual Feeder Analysis**

- Details of individual feeder analysis are included for 13 feeders that have captured 20 or more higher quality pecking events.
- The 13 identified feeders account for 2,038 of the 2,647 higher quality events, ~77%.
  - i. Victoria Road 4
  - ii. Fairefield Crescent 4
  - iii. <u>Union Street 4</u>
  - iv. <u>Ravenstone Road 1</u>
  - v. <u>Gulson Road 2</u>
  - vi. <u>Gulson Road 1</u>
  - vii. Nutfield Road 2
  - viii. <u>Ravenstone Road 2</u>
  - ix. <u>Rosemary Hill 2</u>
  - x. <u>The Grange Ashby 1</u>
  - xi. Nottingham Road 2
  - xii. <u>Seagrave Road 3</u>
  - xiii. <u>Nutfield Road 4</u>

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Site	1T	eve	nts
Victoria Road - 4			1040
Fairefield Crescent - 4			528
Union Street - 4			110
Ravenstone Road - 1			89
Gulson Road - 2			50
Gulson Road - 1			42
Nutfield Road - 2			37
Ravenstone Road - 2			30
Rosemary Hill - 2			27
The Grange Ashby - 1			23
Nottingham Road - 2			22
Seagrave Road - 3			20
Nutfield Road - 4			20
Grand Total			2038

# Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Victoria Road Dist.	1363	1363
WPD Feeder 1	263	78
WPD Feeder 2	268	172
WPD Feeder 3	105	73
WPD Feeder 4	727	1040



Victoria Road feeder data prior to 11/08/2020 has been reviewed and corrected as far as possible, following the feeder identification issue described above. Event data collected after 10/08/2020 uses revised feeder identification software and is reported as collected.

Victoria Road WPD Feeder 4 has shown high activity from June to date, with only one feeder 4 attributed event before this.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations.

Overwhelmingly events have involved only phase 2.

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#### Waveform and Fault Analysis Data



Example captured "pecking fault" waveforms

Example processed waveforms and resulting distances to fault

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Most frequent DTF (96 events) = 225-240m; Mean DTF (1040 events) = 266n SD = 80m

Overwhelmingly the events involve L2.

Only one branch is longer than ~210m (branch serving Paddock Way).

These results are currently interpreted as a defect located at ~266m, adjacent to 19-21 Paddock Way.

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#### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Fairefield Cresc.	545	545
WPD Feeder 1	72	5
WPD Feeder 2	10	4
WPD Feeder 3	46	7
WPD Feeder 4		528
WPD Feeder 5	17	1



Fairefield Crescent feeder data has been reviewed and corrected as far as possible following the feeder identification issue described above.

Fairefield Crescent Feeder 4 has been consistently active over the monitoring period.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations.

Overwhelmingly events have involved only phase 2.

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# **Indicated Location**



Most frequent DTF (84 events) = 315-330m; Mean DTF (528 events) = 325m; SD = 40m.

Overwhelmingly the events involve L2.

These results are currently interpreted as a defect located at ~325m,

330m is indicated on the network schematic map (pink shading).

Cross-checks of this location indication are currently ongoing, see further details in Cross-check Activities. Current cross-check location indication is shown with the purple circle,

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#### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Union Street	130	130
WPD Feeder 1	17	12
WPD Feeder 2		5
WPD Feeder 3	11	3
WPD Feeder 4	83	110



Union Street feeder has been reviewed and corrected as far as possible following the feeder identification issue described above, with a relatively small number of changes being made.

Union Street WPD Feeder 4 was active during the first half of May, and relatively quiet since.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations.

Events have mostly involved only Phase 3.







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#### Some speculation has occurred around coincidence of approximate timings of events

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# **Indicated Location**



Most frequent DTF (15) = 120-135m; Mean DTF (130 events) = 150m; SD = 45m

Most events involve L3 alone.

These results are currently interpreted as a defect located at ~153m

~160m is indicated on the network maps (shaded area).



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#### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Ravenstone Rd	120	120
WPD Feeder 1	102	89
WPD Feeder 2	17	
WPD Feeder 3	0	0
WPD Feeder 4		



Ravenstone Road feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above, with events from June onwards largely being re-attributed to Feeder 2.

Ravenstone Road Feeder 1 was highly active during the second half of February, and has been quiet since then.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations.

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#### **Waveform and Fault Analysis Data**



#### Example captured "pecking fault" waveforms

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Most frequent DTF (12) = 330-360m; Mean DTF (120 events) = 365m; SD = 75m

Most events involve L3 alone.

Interpretation of data from this site is highly tentative, as the indication appears materially different to other high event number feeders.

One interpretation is that there are multiple "pecking fault" locations. However, geographic records show the longest distance to the end of any branch on feeder 1 is ~436m, therefore the higher distance indications are questionable.

An alternate interpretation, using the centre of all the events, is a single pecking fault location at ~330-360m, with an unknown tolerance.

~350m is indicated on the network schematic map (red cross) as the strongest indicated location, with orange shading showing a wider area of potential location.

Confidence in this location is currently low. © Western Power Distribution 2020

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#### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Gulson Rd	121	121
WPD Feeder 1	30	42
WPD Feeder 3	59	50
WPD Feeder 4	11	14
WPD Feeder 9	8	6
WPD Feeder 10	13	9



Gulson Road feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above, with some correction of events to Feeder 1.

Gulson Road WPD Feeder 3 has shown sporadic activity over Phase One to date, with most events occurring 20-22 May. Events have mostly involved L1 only.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations on this feeder, though a potential location indication was proactively offered to the local team following activity 20-22 May.





Note:

1. Gulson Rd – 2 = Gulson Rd WPD Fdr 3



Note: CAUTION – differences exist between monitored WPD feeder references (1,3,4, 9 & 10) and GridKey monitor feeder numbering (1 - 5). This slide shows WPD feeder numbers

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#### Waveform and Fault Analysis Data



#### Example captured "pecking fault" waveforms

Note: 1. Gulson Rd – 2 = Gulson Rd WPD Fdr 3

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Example processed waveforms and resulting distances to fault



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Note: 1. Gulson Rd - 2 = Gulson Rd WPD Fdr 3



Most frequent DTF (6 events) = 525-540m; Mean DTF (50 events) = 473m; SD = 124m

Most events (31) involve L1 alone.

If DTF assessment is limited to events 20-22 May, then Most Frequent DTF (5 events) = 510-540m; Mean DTF (23 events) = 503m; SD = 65m.

A location at around 510m was offered to the local team after 20-22 May events, and this remains a reasonable view. 510m is located adjacent to 28 King Richard Street (red cross). The wider potential location is shown in orange shading, from the branch adjacent to 22 King Richard Street, along to 36 King Richard Street.

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#### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Gulson Rd	121	121
WPD Feeder 1	30	42
WPD Feeder 3		50
WPD Feeder 4	11	14
WPD Feeder 9		6
WPD Feeder 10	13	9



Gulson Road WPD Feeder 1 has shown limited activity other than 18<sup>th</sup> April, when a fuse operation occurred (07:27). Prior to the fuse operation there had been only three captured and analysed events.

Since 18<sup>th</sup> April, there have been 26 events, mostly L1 only (16), with L2 only (4) and L3 only (6).

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Note: CAUTION – differences exist between monitored WPD feeder references (1,3,4, 9 & 10) and GridKey monitor feeder numbering (1 - 5). This slide shows WPD feeder numbers

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#### Waveform and Fault Analysis Data – "Pecking" events



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## Fuse Op events 18/04/2020 - 1

Prior to the fuse operations on 18/04, there were only two events meeting quality criteria (both 06/03). Therefore previous events provided no significant basis for estimating distance to fault (upper chart).

Waveforms were captured for the two fuse operating events on 18/04:

- 07:26 BST, involving L1-L2 and causing L1 to operate; •
- and 08:05 BST, involving L2-L3 and causing L3 to operate

Fuse operating faults have a very different characteristic (see lower two charts) to typical pecking faults and are not yet routinely analysed. In addition, the current hardwarerelated limited sample period (1 cycle after the event start) does not necessarily allow for stable fault current to have established, and for a reliable DTF assessment

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# Fuse Op events 18/04/2020 - 2

Field fault location and repair took place on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April, before any ALARM location data was analysed.

Retrospectively, distance assessment was undertaken using available data from before the 18/04, and for 18/04. This included a best-effort analysis of the fuse operation events.

This suggested:

- a most frequent pecking fault analysis distance of 180-210m, with significant noise/variation (see upper chart), however different phase conductor involvement clouds interpretation; and
- ~ 120m based on assessment of the fuse operation events (with limited cycles/data).

Given limited indication from the pecking fault analysis the fuse-op assessment ~120m was offered.

The actual repair location was ~200m (average of all pecking events up to and including 18/04 was 183m)



Number of Events

- 1. Currently, only limited reliance should be placed on assessments of waveforms from fuse op events
- Fullest picture should be offered (e.g. including conflicting 2. indications if they exist, e.g. fault vs pecking, variable phases, range of pecking fault indications etc)
- Interpretation of "pecking" fault data is still in an early stage, 3. there is much still to be learned (e.g. average vs most frequent vs spread).
- 4. Any faulted joints or cable sections should be collected possible later investigation Slide 46 of 63







#### Indicated Location (post 18/04/2020)



Based on 26 events since 18th April when a repair was completed on Feeder 1 at ~200m:

Most frequent DTF (5 events) = 180-195m; Mean DTF (26 events) = 295m; SD = 169m

At present, this does not appear to be a credible indication, having a mean DTF indication that is considerably beyond the physical length of the feeder (~208m). Further assessment of this feeder will be undertaken in Phase 2 with the enhanced hardware.

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#### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Nutfield Rd	73	73
WPD Feeder 1	12	12
WPD Feeder 2	49	37
WPD Feeder 3	1	4
WPD Feeder 4	11	20



Nutfield Road feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above, with some correction of events to from Feeder 2 to Feeder 4.

Available data suggests intermittent low levels of activity for Nutfield Road Feeder 2, except for 01-02 July where 16 and 11 events were recorded respectively. 44 of all the events are associated with L3.

There was a transient fuse operation at this site on 28/05/20 @ 22:34. Limited data had been captured from this feeder at that stage, and no location indication was offered at the time.

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#### Waveform and Fault Analysis Data



Example captured "pecking fault" waveforms

Example processed waveforms and resulting distances to fault

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Most frequent DTF (4 events) = 255-270m; Mean DTF (37 events) = 274m; SD = 139m

At present, this data does not present a clear indication. It could be interpreted that there are two distinct indications: at 135-150m and somewhere around 255-270m. Further assessment of this feeder will be undertaken in Phase 2 with the enhanced hardware.

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#### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Ravenstone Rd	120	120
WPD Feeder 1	102	89
WPD Feeder 2	17	30
WPD Feeder 3	0	0
WPD Feeder 4		



Ravenstone Road feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above, with events from June onwards largely being re-attributed to Feeder 2.

Ravenstone Road WPD Feeder 2 activity has been quite sporadic.

There has been one known transient fuse operation on 13/07/2020.

Most events have involved only phases 2-3.

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#### Waveform and Fault Analysis Data – "Pecking" events



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#### **Indicated Location**



Most frequent DTF (6 events) = 285-300m; Mean DTF (30 events) = 292m; SD = 140m

Most events involve L2-L3.

Current interpretation is tentative, recognising a relatively low number of events and that the data suggests involvement of L1-only and L2-only events at quite different distances to L2-L3 events (there are also 4 L3-only events occurring across a range of distances). Analysis of only the L2-L3 events shifts the mean DTF marginally to 300m.

Applying this DTF indication to the branched structure of Ravenstone Road Fdr 2 (Western Ave.), 292m suggests that the fault is at the end of one of the branches running down Western Avenue (red and green arrows in the drawing below, red arrow=264m, green arrow=271m).

These potential locations have been shared with the local team, following the fuse operation on 13/07/2020.

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Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction	8 7 8
<b>Rosemary Hill</b>	35	35	jo 1 per of 1 a
WPD Feeder 2	7	3	
WPD Feeder 3	23	27	0
WPD Feeder 4	2	4	
WPD Feeder 5	3		

Rosemary Hill feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above, with a small number of corrections applied.

Available data suggests sporadic flurries of activity for Feeder 2. All the events are associated with L1.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations on this feeder during the monitored period.

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Note:

1. Rosemary Hill – 2 = Rosemary Hill WPD Fdr 3



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Most frequent DTF (5 events) = 150-165m; Mean DTF (27 events) = 168m; SD = 39m

These results are currently interpreted as a possible defect located at ~168m. The joint at ~161m is shown on the network schematic.

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### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
The Grange	24	24
WPD Feeder 1	22	23
WPD Feeder 2	1	1
WPD Feeder 3	1	0



The Grange WPD Feeder 1 showed high activity on 06/04/2020, with limited numbers of events before and after this.

Fuse operations occurred on: 08/04/2020 @14:41 L1; 11/04/2020 @20:31 L3 & 21/04/2020 @08:46 L2. New fuses have re-energised the feeder each time.

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12 Events 10

8 6 4

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20/02/2020

Number of

Mostly events have been L1-L2.

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### **Indicated Location**



Most frequent DTF (5 events) = 30-45m; Mean DTF (23 events) = 68m; SD = 47m

Most events involve L1-L2.

If only the L1-L2 events are considered then the most frequent DTF (5 events) = 30-45m, the mean DTF (17 events) = 52m and SD = 25m

37m to 57m (a previous indication provided to the local team) is indicated on the network schematic maps (shaded area).

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# Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction	3 stars 2
Nottingham Rd	34	34	ber of E
WPD Feeder 1	0	0	
WPD Feeder 2	25	22	0 20/
WPD Feeder 3	4	10	
WPD Feeder 4	3	1	
WPD Feeder 5	2	1	

Nottingham Road feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above. Some events have been corrected to Feeder 3.

Nottingham Road Feeder 2 showed shown low levels of activity broadly through the monitoring period. Indications are that these events have occurred across all three phases.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations on this feeder during the monitored period.

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#### **Indicated Location**



At present, this data does not provide a clear indication. Further assessment of this feeder will be undertaken in Phase 2 with the enhanced hardware.

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### Captured Events (as at 31/08/2020)

Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction
Seagrave Rd	35	35
WPD Feeder 1	9	3
WPD Feeder 2		7
WPD Feeder 3	12	20
WPD Feeder 4	4	5
WPD Feeder 5	1	0



Seagrave Road feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above. Some events have been corrected to Feeder 3.

Seagrave Road Feeder 2 showed shown low levels of sporadic activity through the monitoring period.

The project is not aware of any fuse operations on this feeder during the monitored period.

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#### **SITE SPECIFIC DETAILS – SEAGRAVE ROAD WPD FEEDER 3**





At present, this data does not provide a clear indication. Further assessment of this feeder will be undertaken in Phase 2 with the enhanced hardware.

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Site	Number of events – no feeder correction	Number of events – with feeder correction	vents
Nutfield Rd	73	73	4 3 2 Muper 1 0 20/0
WPD Feeder 1	12	12	
WPD Feeder 2	49	37	
WPD Feeder 3	1	4	
WPD Feeder 4	11	20	

Nutfield Road feeder data has been reviewed following the feeder identification issue described above, with some correction of events to from Feeder 2 to Feeder 4.

Available data suggests intermittent levels of activity for Nutfield Road Feeder 4. 15 of the events are associated with L3. The project is not aware of any fuse operations on this feeder during the monitored period.

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#### **Indicated Location**



At present, this data does not provide a clear indication. Further assessment of this feeder will be undertaken in Phase 2 with the enhanced hardware.

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