

Works by Independent Connection Providers Information for Landowners

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1. Introduction

- Under the Competition in Connection (CiC) framework prescribed by Ofgem (the government-appointed regulator of electricity distribution networks), anyone requiring a new electricity connection can choose either WPD (which is the licensed Distribution Network Operator (DNO) for the Midlands, South West and South Wales) or an Independent Connection Provider (ICP) to carry out works to provide that connection.
- If an ICP installs the new equipment, after it has been constructed to the appropriate standard, it is transferred to us. This process is called *adoption*. After adoption the equipment becomes part of our network and thereafter, we are responsible for its future operation, maintenance and renewal.

2. Landowner Permissions (Land and Land Rights Agreements)

- Where an ICP wants to install equipment across private land, prior to us adopting the equipment, the ICP will need its own consent from landowners. The following are relevant in this respect:
 - Where the ICP initially determines the position of equipment and negotiates with landowners, it will need to enter into a separate agreement with the landowner for the construction/installation stage, taking on liability for matters such as reinstatement and damage. WPD will have no liability for the equipment in the period before adoption.
 - Where WPD carries out the initial discussions with landowners and terms are agreed in principle, WPD will inform landowners that an ICP will be responsible for installation of the equipment (including agreeing access, reinstatement, repairing damage etc). The ICP and landowner will then need to agree separate terms to cover the installation of the equipment as again, WPD will have no liability for it until it has been adopted.
 - In addition to any installation agreement between the ICP and the landowner, WPD will require separate Wayleaves or Deeds to be completed in WPD's before it adopts the equipment. These agreements will govern WPD's future relationship with the landowner for access and the maintenance/replacement of the equipment.
 - Usually the ICP will negotiate with the landowner to agree terms for WPD's rights.

3. Planning Permission & Other Statutory Consents

- Unless otherwise agreed with WPD, any statutory consents or other permissions which are required for the ICP's works (for example planning permission or environmental consents) are usually obtained by the ICP.

4. Finding More Information

Please visit our website:

<https://www.westernpower.co.uk/getattachment/Connections/Competition-in-Connections/Legal-Permissions-and-Consents>