

Who are Northern Gas Networks?

We look after the 37,000km of gas mains in your area. We don't own the gas but it's our job to transport it safely to you.

Cumberland Council The Market Hall Market Place Whitehaven Cumbria **CA28 7JG**

30th May 2023

Your Reference -1400018190

Customer Reference -4/23/2098/0R1

We withdraw our objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for sending your notice dated 18th April 2023

Following our objection on 24th April 2023 to the proposed planning application in the area of PLOT 5, BONNY MEADOWS, MORESBY PARKS, WHITEHAVEN we are now willing to rely on our statutory powers and so withdraw our objection.

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If you have any questions our Customer Care Team will be able to help:

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Should the authority be minded to approve the proposed development scheme to which this formal response relates, the company respectfully requests the complete text, as set out below, be added to the planning decision notice as an 'Informative Note'. This demonstrates due diligence on part of the both the authority and company in safeguarding both the land user and wider public from the implications of damage to gas pipelines resulting from the decision to approve the development by the authority.

"The high pressure gas pipeline(s) in the vicinity of the proposed development is / are registered as a "Major Accident Hazard Pipeline (s)" and as such are subject to the HSE's Land Use Planning advice methodology, along with the Pipelines Safety Regulations 1996. The pipeline(s) is / are subject to industry standards which regulate activity and proximities of buildings in order to safeguard the attendant population and to also limit population growth within certain defined distances.

Any intrusion within these safety zones should not be taken lightly, and any intention to proceed must be accompanied by a Risk Assessment or provision of supporting evidence which should be available in the event of any legal proceedings at a later date.

I have attached a copy of our plans showing the pipeline(s) in relation to the development proposal.

Additionally, Pipelines laid in private land are protected by a deed of grant, which prevents certain activities within the easement strip. This includes changes in levels and the addition of buildings and structures.

No part of the easement should be within private gardens or driveways, unless provision is made for future access by the pipeline operator in order to inspect, maintain and repair the pipeline".

If you have any questions, our Before You Dig Team will be able to help on **0800 040 7766 (option 3)** or beforeyoudig@northerngas.co.uk

Kind regards

NGN Before You Dig Team

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