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Dear Sir/Madam

### Request for 2020 Utility Strike Damage Data

I write to you on behalf of the Utility Strike Avoidance Group (USAG) Data & Reporting Working Group. Your organisation is part of this collaborative group of more than 400 Asset Owners, Contractors, Service Providers and Associations/Regulators that are striving to ensure the highest standards of safety and best practice when carrying out essential work to avoid utility strikes.

This letter is the request (as part of the Charter commitment) for data on the strikes that you have either been involved in when undertaking works and/or strikes that you have suffered on your assets if appropriate. If it is not you, please forward this request to the most appropriate person in your organisation and copy us in so that we can update our records.

This data will help create the Annual Report on Utility Strikes to highlight trends in asset damage throughout the UK; a concept based on international best practice. The drivers for this are to:

- ✓ help all involved improve our working practices.
- ✓ reduce damages and delays.
- ✓ most importantly to increase the safety of all persons affected by working in and around utilities.



Under the USAG safe dig charter commitments you must **submit your utility strike data** on an annual basis for damages that have occurred during the execution of your works.

We are now asking for your data relating to strikes during the 2020 calendar year. All data will be anonymised, and a Non-Disclosure Agreement is available upon request. Please provide as much relevant data as you hold in each column (more information on each strike allows us to make more meaningful conclusions) and return via the following email address:

[data@utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org](mailto:data@utilitystrikeavoidancegroup.org) and copies of previous years' reports are available on the USAG website [here](#).

**Please note** we are unable to include data in the final report that is not submitted in the required format on the spreadsheet. Those that do not perform physical excavation works such as equipment suppliers and utility surveyors are not expected to supply this data. The spreadsheet also has functionality that allows you to review your own damage data in a similar format to the Report, allowing you to benchmark your performance against the rest of the industry.

We thank you in advance for your help; the deadline date for return of 2020 information is Friday **13<sup>th</sup> August**. Your efforts to keep to this deadline is appreciated as it will enable the finalised report to be compiled and made available in the coming months for the good of the whole industry.

With all the USAG Team helping on a voluntary basis, providing the data in the correct format and by the deadline helps ensure that as much of our time is spent analysing the data and sharing it with the industry so your support is much appreciated.

Thank you for helping make the UK a safer place to dig.

Best regards

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Broome', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Broome  
Data & Reporting Group  
**For and on behalf of the Utility Strike Avoidance Group**

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