



Knowsley Council

**REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT**

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

This application is subject to a Section 106 Agreement and needs to be read in conjunction with that Agreement.

PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 25/00494/FUL

Name and address of applicant

Hardwood Sales Ltd
Ellis Ashton Street
Huyton
Knowsley
L36 6BN

Name and address of agent

Aspire Design Studio Ltd
2 Herbaceous Court
Crofton
Wakefield
WF4 1FF

Date of Receipt: 28 August 2025

Date Valid: 24 October 2025

Address/Location Of Development:

Hardwood Sales
Ellis Ashton Street
Huyton
Knowsley
L36 6BN

Description of Development:

ERECTION OF 2NO. WAREHOUSE UNITS (USE CLASS B8) TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL STORAGE SPACE TOGETHER WITH ALTERATIONS TO THE GOODS VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS POINTS INCLUDING PROVISION OF NEW SECURITY GATES.

The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley hereby give notice in pursuance of the above Act(s) that Planning Permission has been **granted** for the carrying out of the development referred to above in accordance with the application and plans submitted subject to the following condition(s):

1. The development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and documents listed in Schedule 1.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt.

3. A. Risk Assessment

No development shall take place until an assessment of the risks posed by any contamination has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This assessment must be undertaken by a suitably qualified contaminated land practitioner, in accordance with authoritative guidance (CLR 11), and shall assess any contamination on the site, whether or not it originates on the site. Moreover, it must include (where relevant):

- (i) a survey of the extent, scale and nature of contamination;
- (ii) an assessment of the potential risks to:

- human health,
- property (existing or proposed) including buildings, crops, livestock, pets, woodland and
- service lines and pipes,
- adjoining land,
- groundwaters and surface waters,
- ecological systems,
- archaeological sites and ancient monuments.

B. Submission of Remediation Scheme

Where land affected by contamination is found which poses unacceptable risks, no development shall take place until a detailed remediation scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme must include an appraisal of remediation options, identification of the preferred option(s), the proposed remediation objectives and remediation criteria, and a description and programme of the works to be undertaken including the verification plan. As a minimum, the scheme must ensure that the site will not qualify as contaminated land under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to its intended use.

C. Implementation of Approved Remediation Scheme

The approved remediation scheme shall be implemented and a verification report submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, prior to the development (or relevant phase of development) being brought into use.

D. Reporting of Unexpected Contamination

In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified it must be reported immediately to the Local Planning Authority. Development on the part of the site affected must be halted and a risk assessment carried out and submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Where unacceptable risks are found remediation and verification schemes shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. These shall be implemented prior to the development (or relevant phase of development) being brought into use.

E. Materials Management Plan

Prior to the reuse of site won materials ('waste' and non-waste) a Materials Management Plan, signed off by a Qualified Person, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the local planning authority. The MMP shall demonstrate that any reuse of contaminated materials does not result in increased risk to the environment or human health.

F. Importation of Soil/Material

No soil is to be imported to the site until it has been tested for contamination and assessed for its suitability for the proposed development; a suitable methodology for testing this material should be submitted to and agreed by the Local Planning Authority prior to the soils being imported onto site. The methodology should include the sampling frequency, testing schedules, criteria against which the analytical results will be assessed (as determined by the risk assessment) and source material information. The analysis shall then be carried out and evidence submitted to and approved in writing to by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To prevent harm to human health from contamination.

4. Prior to commencement of development, a Construction Environmental Management to include a scheme for the control of noise and dust from site operations and to prevent the transfer of mud and dust out of the site onto neighbours or the wildlife areas to the north must be submitted to and approved by, the local planning authority. All works which form part of the scheme shall be implemented while construction works are ongoing.

Reason: To prevent noise and dust impacting residential amenity and ecology.

5. Prior to any works above slab level, precise details of proposed materials shall have been submitted to and been approved by, the local planning authority. Works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and retained hereafter.

Reason: In order to ensure appropriate materials are used.

6. Prior to occupation of the building, precise detailed elevations and specifications of cycle parking shall have been submitted to and been approved by, the local planning authority. Works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and retained hereafter.

Reason: In order to provide sufficient and suitable cycle parking.

7. Prior to occupation of the building, precise details of tactile paving at the junction with Ellis Ashton Street shall have been submitted to and been approved by, the local planning authority. Works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved plans prior to occupation and retained hereafter.

Reason: In order to provide suitable tactile paving.

8. Prior to erection of any lighting on site, a lighting scheme which includes the steps necessary to ensure the lighting scheme does not result in excessive light spill that negatively affects the foraging and commuting of bats and that protects habitats shall be submitted for the written approval of the local planning authority. The agreed details shall be installed in full prior to the occupation of any building hereby permitted and maintained thereafter.

Reason: In order to avoid harmful lighting impacts upon bats.

9. Due to the proximity to suitable habitat, hedgehog (a Priority Species) may commute through the site. The following reasonable avoidance measures should be put in place to ensure that there are no adverse effects on them:

- A pre-commencement check for badger and/or hedgehog mammals;
- All trenches and excavations should have a means of escape (e.g. a ramp);
- Any exposed open pipe systems should be capped to prevent mammals gaining access; and
- Appropriate storage of materials to ensure that mammals do not use them.

Reason: In order to avoid harm to Hedgehogs.

10. No ground clearance or building works is to take place during the period 1 March to 31 August inclusive. If it is necessary to undertake works during the bird breeding season then all buildings, ground and vegetation are to be checked first by an appropriately experienced ecologist to ensure no breeding birds are present. If present, details of how they will be protected are required to be submitted for approval.

Reason: In order to avoid disturbance to breeding bird habitat.

11. No construction work shall take place outside the hours of 08:00-18:00 hours Monday to Friday, 08:00-13:00 hours Saturday and not at all on Sundays/Public Holidays.

Reason: In order to protect neighbouring occupiers from late night noise.

SCHEDULE 1

Date Received	Ref. No	Version	Drawing/Document Title
28/08/2025	A(10)-11	-	Site Plan Proposed
28/08/2025	A(10)-10	-	Proposed Site Location and Block Plan
28/08/2025	A(10)-12	-	Building 1 Plans and Elevations
28/08/2025	A(10)-14	-	Building 2 Plans and Elevations
28/09/2025	A(90)-10	-	Site Access Gate Existing and Proposed
29/09/2025	25-6488	-	Surface Water Drainage Strategy and Drainage Design
28/09/2025	-	-	Flood Risk Assessment
24/10/2025	25-6488 DR01	P4	Proposed Surface Water Drainage Layout

REASON(S) FOR THE GRANTING OF PLANNING PERMISSION

The decision to grant planning permission has also been taken having regard to the policies and proposals as set out below, and to all relevant material considerations including supplementary planning guidance:-

KNOWSLEY LOCAL PLAN: CORE STRATEGY

CS2 - Development Principles

CS4 - Economy and Employment

CS7 - Transport Networks

CS8 - Green Infrastructure
CS19 - Design Quality and Accessibility in New Development
CS21 - Greenspaces and Trees
CS24 - Managing Flood Risk

**SAVED POLICIES - KNOWSLEY REPLACEMENT UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
(ADOPTED JUNE 2006)**

EC3 - Primarily Industrial Areas
DQ4 - Trees and Development
ENV5 - Contaminated Land

This informative is only intended as a summary of the reason(s) for the granting of planning permission. Should you require any further details relating to the decision please contact the relevant case officer (Andrew Hunt on 0151 443 2204)

ARTICLE 35 STATEMENT

The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application by assessing the proposal against all material considerations, including planning policies and any representations that may have been received and subsequently determining to grant planning permission in accordance with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework.

NOTE FOR APPLICANT:

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE NOTES BELOW AS FAILURE TO COMPLY
COULD MAKE THE DEVELOPMENT HEREBY PERMITTED UNAUTHORISED**

- 1) This planning permission is granted in strict accordance with the approved plans. It should be noted however that:
 - a) Any variation from the approved plans following commencement of the development, irrespective of the degree of variation, will constitute unauthorised development and may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b) You or your agent or any other person responsible for implementing this permission should inform Planning Services immediately of any proposed variation from the approved plans and ask to be advised as to the best method to resolve the matter. Most proposals for variation to the approved plans will require the submission of a new planning application.
- 2) This permission is granted subject to conditions, and it is the owner of the property and the person responsible for the implementation of the development who will be fully responsible for their compliance throughout the development and beyond.
- 3) If there is a condition that requires work to be carried out or details to be approved prior to the commencement of the development this is called a "condition precedent". The following should be noted with regards to conditions precedent.
 - a) If a condition precedent is not complied with prior to the start of development, the whole of the development will be unauthorised, and you may be liable to enforcement action.
 - b) In addition, if the requirements of a condition precedent are subsequently not complied with, the development is unauthorised and the only way to rectify the development is the submission of a new application.

If any other type of condition is breached, then you will be liable to a breach of condition notice.

Informatives

1. The application site lies in an area defined by the Mining Remediation Authority as containing potential hazards arising from former coal mining activity at the surface or shallow depth. These hazards can include: mine entries (shafts and adits); shallow coal workings; geological

features (fissures and break lines); mine gas and former surface mining sites. Although such hazards are seldom readily visible, they can often be present and problems can occur in the future, particularly as a result of new development taking place. If any suspected coal mining feature is encountered on site, this should be reported immediately to the Mining Remediation Authority on 0800 288 4242. Further information is available at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority

2.. Highways:

- a. It is an offence to carry out any works within the public highway without the permission of the Highway Authority. The grant of planning permission will require the developer to enter into an agreement under s278 of the Highways Act 1980 with the Council. The applicant is advised to contact Mark McCartney, t: 0151 443 2305, email: Mark.McCartney@knowsley.gov.uk to discuss the matter further.
- b. The applicant is advised to ensure tactile crossings are in accordance with the Department for Transport Guidance.

3. Merseyside Fire and Rescue - See attached letter

4. Cadent Gas - See attached letter

5. United Utilities - See attached letter



Dale Milburn
Executive Director – PLACE

Date: 29 April 2026

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

1. This permission refers only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Acts and does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, bylaw, order or regulation.
2. This permission refers only to those plans submitted as part of the Planning Application a copy of which is retained by the Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority should be contacted in writing if it is proposed to amend these plans in any way as a further permission, may be required.
3. You should ensure that you understand the requirements of all planning conditions and that you fully comply with their requirements. If you are in any doubt about what a condition requires of you, please ask us for assistance. Planning conditions may require you to submit further information to us and await our approval before you can start your development. A failure to do so could result in your development being unlawful and necessitate the submission of a further planning application. A failure to comply with the conditions of the permission/consent may result in the taking of enforcement and potentially legal action, against you to remedy the breach of planning control.
4. A fee is normally payable to discharge planning conditions in accordance with government regulations.
5. This permission does not convey any rights or approval to build on, or develop, any land that is not fully owned or controlled by you, including on party boundaries. You should satisfy yourself that the agreement of any adjoining landowners has been given prior to commencing any building works.
6. If a Building Regulations Consent is required for these works it is your responsibility to ensure that the plans submitted for both the Building Regulations Consent and Planning Permission are the same in all respects. Should the plans relating to one consent vary from the other, it will be necessary for you to submit amended plans to this Department and obtain the relevant approval(s) prior to commencing any works. Knowsley Council's Building Control team are contactable on (0151)-443 2342 and they would be pleased to assist you.

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- If you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision then you must do so within 6 months of the date of this notice.
- Appeals can be made online at: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate>.
If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.
- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal but will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.
- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to the Secretary of State that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions they imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

Date: 14/11/2025

LinesearchbeforeUdig ref: 39437441

Your ref: 25/00494/FUL (JP)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your planning application – No objection, informative note required

We have received a notification from the LinesearchbeforeUdig (LSBUD) platform regarding a planning application that has been submitted which is in close proximity to our medium and low pressure assets. We have no objection to this proposal from a planning perspective, however we need you to take the following action.

What you need to do

To prevent damage to our assets or interference with our rights, please add the following **Informative Note** into the **Decision Notice**:

Cadent Gas Ltd own and operate the gas infrastructure within the area of your development. There may be a legal interest (easements and other rights) in the land that restrict activity in proximity to Cadent assets in private land. The applicant must ensure that the proposed works do not infringe on legal rights of access and or restrictive covenants that exist.

If buildings or structures are proposed directly above the apparatus the development may only take place following diversion of the apparatus. The applicant should apply online to have apparatus diverted in advance of any works, by visiting cadentgas.com/our-services/gas-diversions

Prior to carrying out works, including the construction of access points, please register on www.linesearchbeforeudig.co.uk to submit details of the planned works for review, ensuring requirements are adhered to.

Your responsibilities and obligations

Cadent may have a Deed of Easement on the pipeline, which provides us with a right of access for a number of functions and prevents change to existing ground levels, storage of materials. It also prevents the erection of permanent/temporary buildings, or structures. If necessary Cadent will take action to legally enforce the terms of the easement.

This letter does not constitute any formal agreement or consent for any proposed development work either generally or related to Cadent's easements or other rights, or any planning or building regulations applications.

Cadent Gas Ltd or their agents, servants or contractors do not accept any liability for any losses arising under or in connection with this information. This limit on liability applies to all and any claims in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (excluding fraudulent misrepresentation), breach of statutory duty or otherwise. This limit on liability does not exclude or restrict liability where prohibited by the law nor does it supersede the express terms of any related agreements.

If you need any further information or have any questions about the outcome, please contact us at plantprotection@cadentgas.com or on 0800 688 588 quoting your reference at the top of this letter.

Kind Regards,

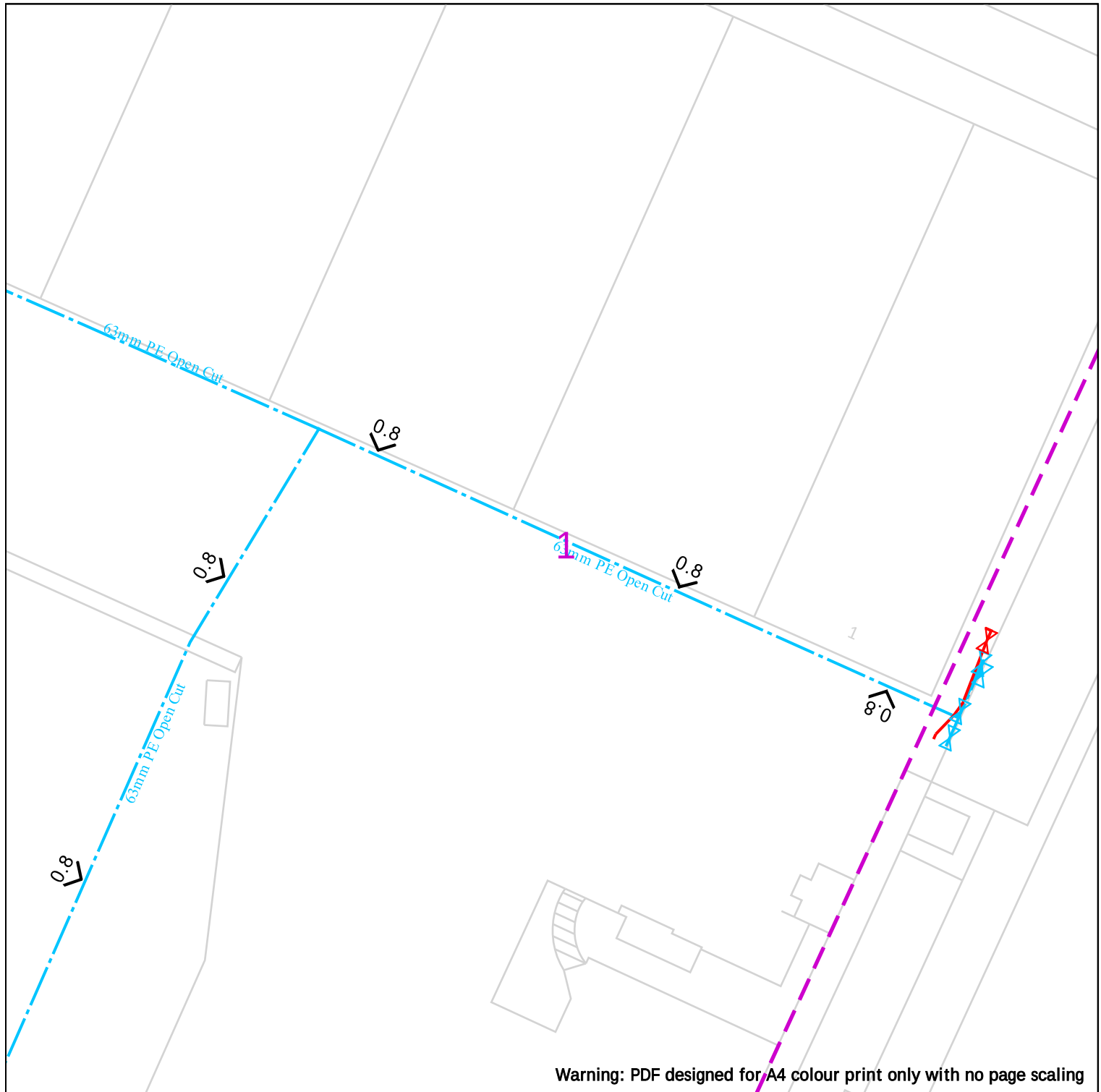
Plant Protection Team

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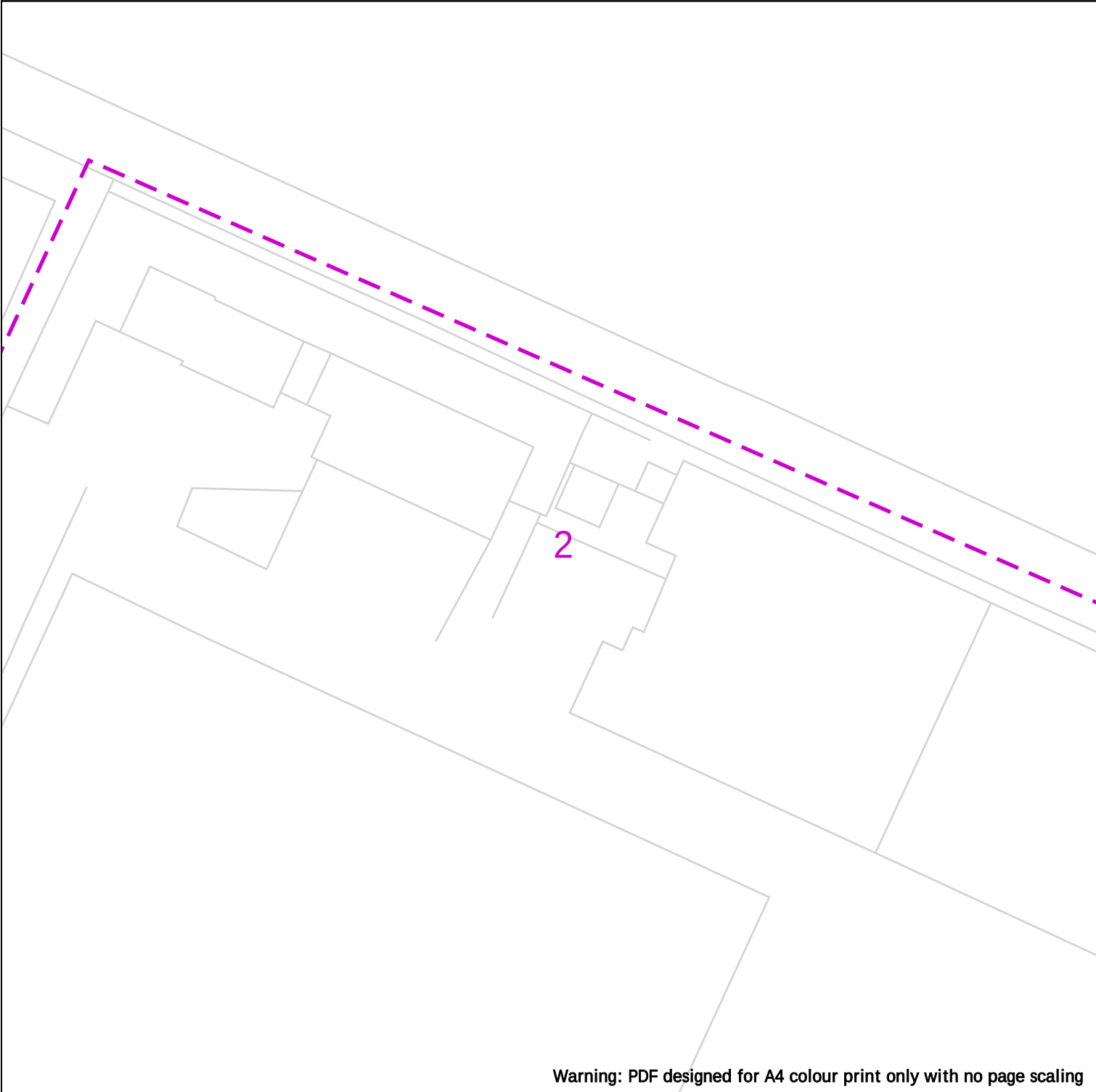
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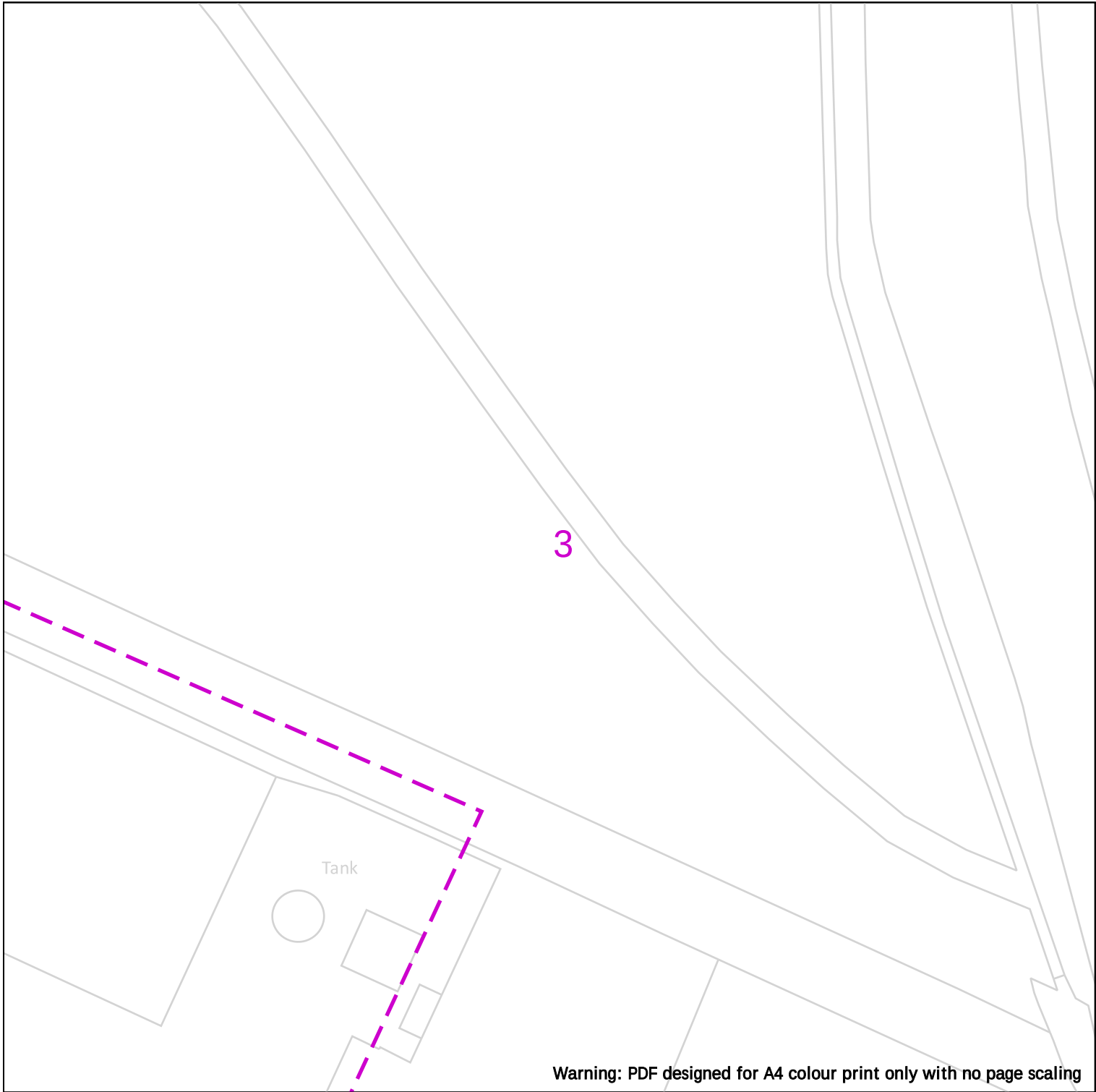
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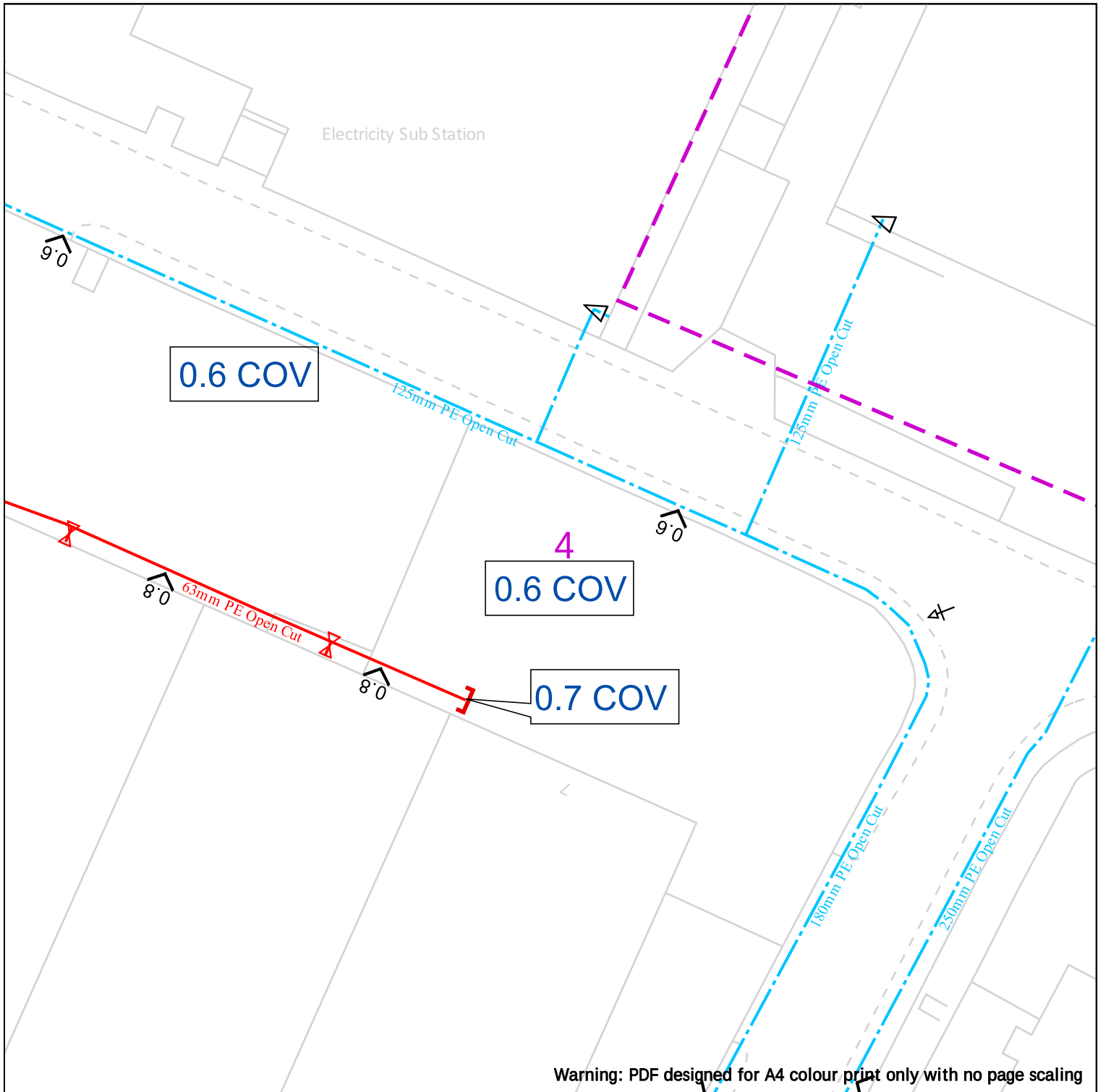
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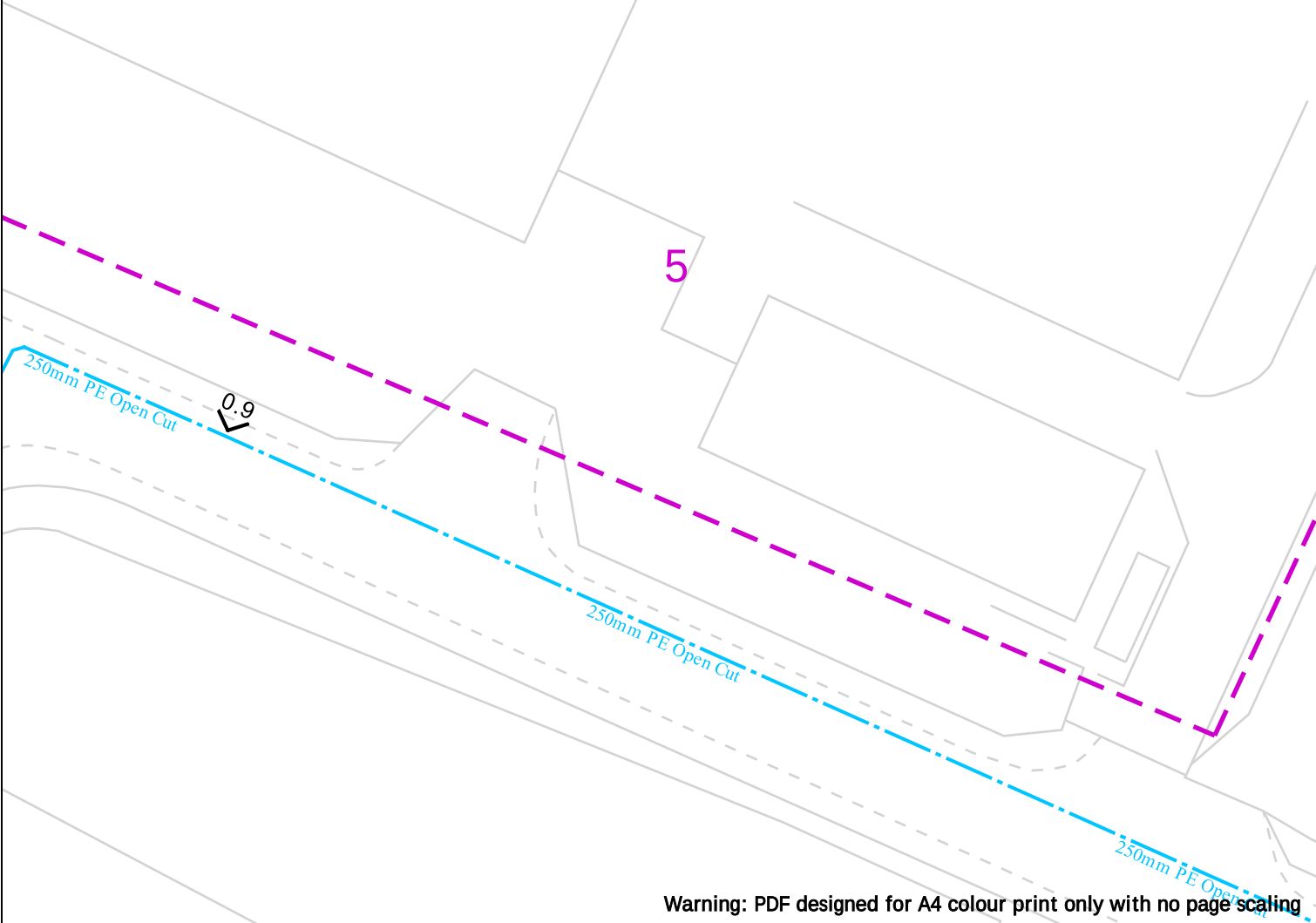
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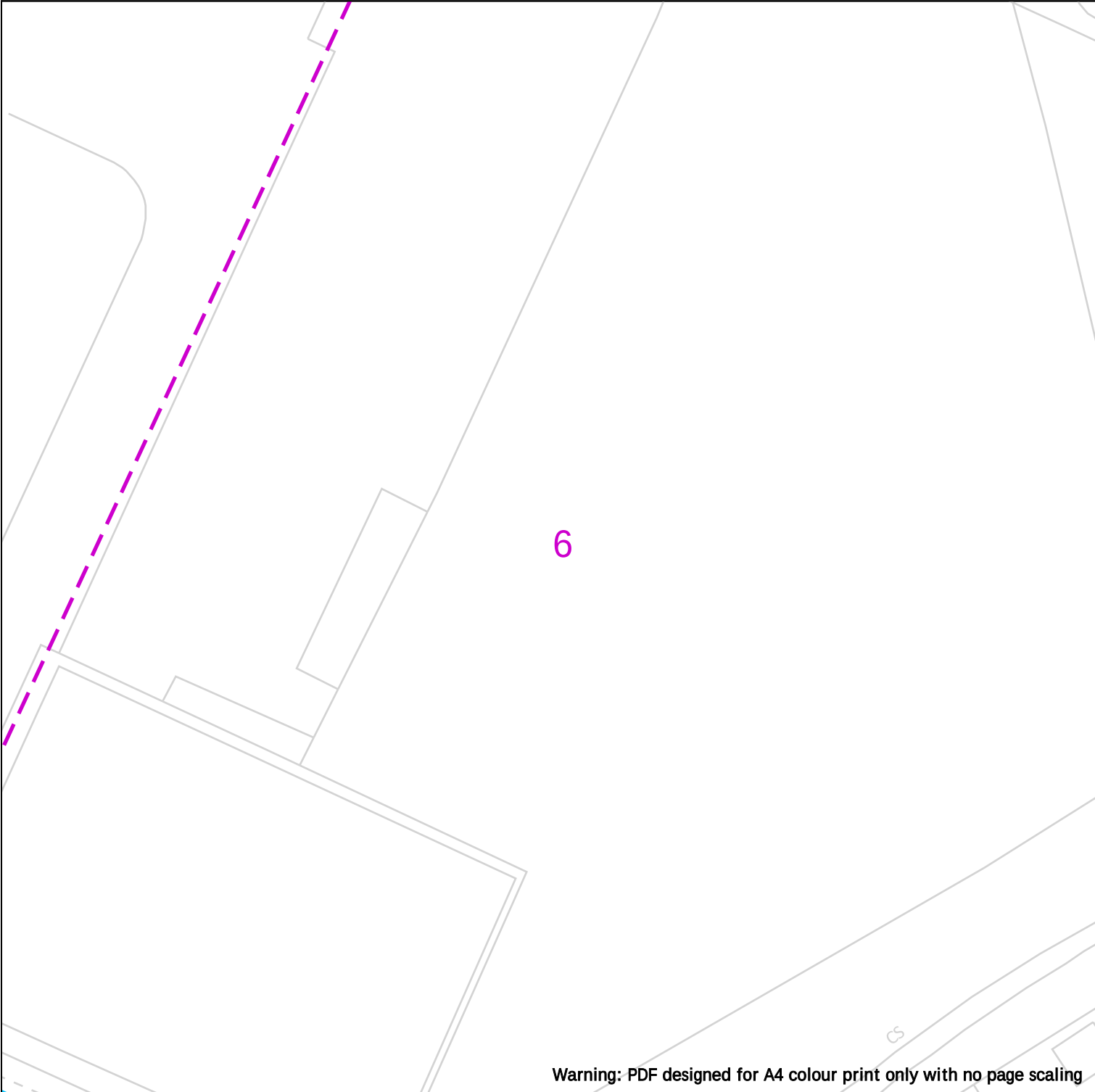
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 Your Gas Network	 Dig Sites Area:  Line:   LP Mains  Valve  Diameter Change  MP Mains  Depth of cover  Material Change  IP Mains  Syphon  Out of Standard Service  LHP Mains	Where an out-of-standard service is present please contact plant protection 0800 688 588 for further information. Out-of-standard service symbology may be used to indicate one or more of the following: • Identification of shallow services • Identification of dual services • Recording of non-perpendicular services A perpendicular service/connection is laid in a straight line from the entry point at the property to the connection at the main – this includes a pipe that has a perpendicular connection and is not straight but does not deviate more than 1m off centre line.
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Your ref: 25/00494/FUL Our ref: 00440796/1394009/RH/LM Date: 27th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER REF: 25/00494/FUL
PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF 2NO. WAREHOUSE UNITS (USE CLASS B8) TO
FACILITATE ADDITIONAL STORAGE SPACE TOGETHER WITH ALTERATIONS TO
THE GOODS VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS POINTS INCLUDING PROVISION
OF NEW SECURITY GATES.
ADDRESS: Hardwood Sales Ellis Ashton Street Huyton

The Fire Authority requests that any decision notice includes the following information;

The plans relating to the above application have been examined and below are the Fire Authority's observations:

Access for Fire Fighting

- Access for fire appliances should comply with the requirements of Section B5, Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations. Provisions for access will depend on the size and use of the building. The design of the access route, for example minimum road widths and maximum reversing distances, should also be considered (Appendix A, attached).
- In accordance with Section 55 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980, the position of the premises should not compromise or impede existing means of fire service access to a neighbouring building.

Water Provision

- Water supplies for firefighting purposes should be risk assessed in accordance with the undermentioned guidance in liaison with the water undertakers (United Utilities - 0161 907 7351) with suitable and sufficient fire hydrants supplied.
- Consideration should be given to the recommendations within the 'National guidance document on the provision of water for fire fighting', produced by the Local Government Association and Water UK, available for free download via: <https://www.water.org.uk/national-guidance-document-provision-water-firefighting>

Further information regarding access requirements can be found in the current version of Approved Document B, which is available for free download via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-approved-document-b>

Should you require any further information in respect of this correspondence please contact the Officer named above.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Holland

Authorised Fire Safety Inspecting Officer
And on behalf of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority

Appendix A - Access and Facilities for the Fire Service as given in Section B5 of Approved Document B

Domestic Dwellings

For dwelling houses, access for a pumping appliance should be provided to within 45m of all points inside the dwelling house.

For flats, either: access for a pumping appliance should be provided to within 45m of all points inside each flat of a block, measured along the route of the hose; or fire mains should be provided.

Commercial Buildings

Small buildings (up to 2000m², with a top occupied storey a maximum of 11m above ground level), require access for a pump appliance to 15% of the perimeter, or within 45m of every point of the footprint of the building, whichever is the less onerous.

Larger buildings will require access to a percentage of the perimeter that increases incrementally with size of the total floor area and height of building – please see details in Approved Document B Volume 2 Section 15.

Elevations to which vehicle access is provided will require a door, to give access into the building. The maximum distance between doors, or between a door and the end of the elevation, is 60m (ie a 150m elevation would need a minimum of two doors).

All Buildings

Access routes and hardstanding should comply with Table 13.1 ADB Volume 1 / Table 15.2 ADB Volume 2. Please note: MFRS appliances are 17 tonnes (pump) and 26 tonnes (high reach).

Dead-end access routes longer than 20m require turning facilities (eg a turning circle or hammer head, or other turning point).

Where fire mains are fitted, access should be provided for a pumping appliance to within 18m of each fire main inlet connection point. Inlets should be on the face of the building and visible from the parking position of the appliance. The run of horizontal internal connecting pipe should be a maximum of 18m in length.

Buildings with a storey more than 18m above the fire service vehicle access level, or a basement more than 10m below, should have one or more firefighting shafts containing fire-fighting lifts and fire mains (a minimum of two fire-fighting shafts will be required for buildings with a floor area of 900 m² or more).

Buildings in the 'shop and commercial', 'assembly and recreation' or 'industrial' purpose groups (Groups 4, 5, or 6), with a storey area of 900m² or more and a storey height of 7.5m or more above fire service vehicle access level will require at least two firefighting shafts (firefighting lifts may not be needed).

Entry to a firefighting shaft at fire service access level should be available either directly from the open air or by way of a protected corridor not exceeding 18m in length. The corridor is deemed to be part of the firefighting shaft, and any access to it from the accommodation should be by way of protected lobbies.

Hydrants

Where a building has a compartment with an area of more than 280m² and is being erected more than 100m from an existing fire hydrant, additional hydrants are required as follows:

Buildings with fire main – hydrant within 90m of dry fire main inlet;

Buildings without fire main – hydrant within 90m of an entrance to the building; and a maximum of 90m apart.

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Location: Hardwood Sales Ellis Ashton Street Huyton Knowsley L36 6BN

Please find below relevant information for the applicant.

United Utilities has no further comment on this application.

United Utilities' Property, Assets and Infrastructure

It is the applicant's responsibility to investigate the existence of any pipelines that might cross or impact their proposed site and also to demonstrate the exact relationship between United Utilities' assets and the proposed development.

We recommend the applicant visits our website for further information on how to investigate the existence of water and wastewater pipelines and what to do next if a pipeline crosses or is close to their red line boundary: [Working near our pipes - United Utilities](#)

United Utilities will not allow building over or in close proximity to a water main.

United Utilities will not allow a new building to be erected over or in close proximity to a public sewer or any other wastewater pipeline. Nb. Proposals to extend domestic properties either above, or in close proximity to a public sewer will be reviewed on a case by case basis by either by a building control professional or following a direct application to United Utilities.

Any construction activities in the vicinity of United Utilities' pipelines, including pipelines that may be outside the applicant's red line boundary, must comply with national building and construction standards and where applicable, our 'Standard Conditions for Works Adjacent to Pipelines' which can also be found on our website: [standard-conditions-for-works-adjacent-to-pipelines-issued-july-2015.pdf \(unitedutilities.com\)](#)

The level of cover to United Utilities pipelines and apparatus must not be compromised either during or after construction and there should be no additional load bearing capacity on pipelines without prior agreement from United Utilities. The applicant should not rely solely on the detail contained within asset maps when considering a proposed layout. Unless there is specific provision within the title of the property or an associated easement, any necessary disconnection or diversion of assets to accommodate development, will be at the applicant/developer's expense.

Where United Utilities' assets exist, it is essential that the applicant, or any subsequent developer, contacts our Developer Services team prior to commencing any works on site, including trial holes, groundworks or demolition.

DRAINAGE

We strongly encourage all developments to include sustainable drainage systems to help manage surface water and to offer new opportunities for wildlife to flourish. We request that Local Planning Authorities and applicants do all they can to avoid surface water entering the public sewer. The flows that come from this surface water are very large when compared with the foul water that comes from toilets, showers, baths, washing machines, etc. It is the surface water that uses up a lot of capacity in our sewers and results in the unnecessary pumping and treatment of surface water at our pumping stations and treatment works. If new developments can manage flows through sustainable drainage systems that discharge to an alternative to the

public sewer, it will help to minimise the likelihood of sewers spilling into watercourses and the flooding of homes and businesses.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) advise that surface water from new developments should be investigated and delivered in the following order of priority:

1. into the ground (infiltration);
2. to a surface water body;
3. to a surface water sewer, highway drain, or another drainage system;
4. to a combined sewer.

The applicant should consider their drainage plans in accordance with the drainage hierarchy outlined above.

In the event that the applicant, or any subsequent developer, approaches United Utilities regarding a connection for surface water to the public sewer, it is likely that we will request evidence that the drainage hierarchy has been fully investigated and why more sustainable options are not achievable. This will be managed through either our 'S106 Sewer Connections' or 'S104 Adoptions' processes.

WATER EFFICIENCY IN NEW DEVELOPMENT

Local planning authorities have the option to set additional technical requirements in respect of water use for the construction of new build dwellings, exceeding the minimum standards required by Building Regulations. All new homes are required to meet the mandatory national standard of 125 litres of water used per person per day as set out in Building Regulations Approved Document G. Where there is a clear local need, a local planning authority's development plan policies can require new-build dwellings to meet the tighter Building Regulations optional requirement of 110 litres of water used per person per day. If your adopted development plan includes a policy that implements the tighter water efficiency standard for new-build dwellings in Part 3 of Building Regulations, you should ensure that this is a condition of any planning permission you may grant. You should also consider whether there is any adopted development plan policy relating to a water efficiency in the construction of non-residential development. As this is a matter for the local planning authority / building control body, United Utilities would not be involved in the discharge of conditions relating to water efficiency.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR ANY QUERIES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THIS EMAIL:

For applicants / developers:

Drainage / wastewater infrastructure: SewerAdoptions@uuplc.co.uk

Water supply / water infrastructure: DeveloperServicesWater@uuplc.co.uk

Local planning authorities / Planning Officers: Planning.Liaison@uuplc.co.uk

To enable us to answer enquiries as quickly as possible, we request enquiries are not sent to multiple mailboxes – this will delay our response.



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