

SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 24

(Guidance on pre-acceptance Enquires)

1 Introduction

SGN offers a Pre-Acceptance Enquiry process for UIPs, iGTs and also house builders, land developers and members of the general public who wish to acquire indicative information relating to a specific site or land parcel.

The below table outlines the types of pre-acceptance Enquiries that SGN facilitate, the types of customer that can submit different types of enquiry, what SGN will undertake and what the response can be used for:

	UIP	iGT	Developer	<7bar Network Analysis	>7bar LTS Analysis	Non-typical Analysis	Can be used for Fastrack submission
<7bar FM137 UIP Enquiry	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓**
<7bar FM172 iGT Enquiry	✓*	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓**
>7bar FM137 UIP Enquiry	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
>7bar FM172 iGT Enquiry	✓*	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
Land Enquiry	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X

**Only where a valid agent of contract is in place between the UIP and adopting iGT*

***Where the Enquiry response states no Reinforcement is required*

Further guidance on the progression of a UIP or iGT Enquiry and subsequent Fastrack submission can be found in SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Notes 6 and 7.

2 UIP Enquiry (*FM137*)

FM137 UIP Enquiries can be submitted to SGN Third Party Connections from any UIP who holds at least Project Management accreditation under GIRS.

Where a requested load cannot utilise the Fastrack process, the submission of an FM137 UIP Enquiry, instead of a full FM138 Request, will provide a response from SGN within 5 working days, outlining an indication of required reinforcement and associated source pressure.

FM137 UIP Enquiries cannot be used for loads that qualify for Fastrack submission or loads that are deemed non-typical.

Where a <7bar FM137 UIP Enquiry response states that no reinforcement is required, it can be used in conjunction with an FM138a Fastrack Request, where valid within 90 days of issue.

>7bar FM137 UIP Enquiries, regardless of the requirement for Reinforcement as indicated on the response, cannot be Fastracked as part of a formal request.

See SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 6 for further information on the UIP Enquiry submission process and details of SGN's response.

3 iGT Enquiry (*FM172*)

FM172 iGT Enquiries can be submitted by any iGT who holds a valid OFGEM issued Gas Transportation License or a UIP holding at least Project Management accreditation under GIRS and an agent of contract between themselves and an adopting iGT.

Where a requested load cannot utilise the Fastrack process, the submission of an FM172 iGT Enquiry, instead of a full FM153 Request, will provide a response from SGN within 5 working days, outlining an indication of required reinforcement and associated source pressure.

FM172 iGT Enquiries cannot be used for loads that qualify for Fastrack submission or loads that are deemed non-typical.

Where a <7bar FM172 iGT Enquiry response states that no reinforcement is required, it can be used in conjunction with an FM153a Fastrack Request, where valid within 90 days of issue.

>7bar FM172 iGT Enquiries, regardless of the requirement for Reinforcement as indicated on the response, cannot be Fastracked as part of a formal request.

See SGN Third Party Connections Briefing Note 7 for further information on the iGT Enquiry submission process and details of SGN's response.

4 Land Enquiry

SGN Land Enquiries should be used by any person wishing to acquire information on SGN infrastructure surrounding a proposed development and obtain an indicative reinforcement expectation.

No industry accreditation or Gas Transportation License is required to submit a Land Enquiry.

Response to a Land Enquiry does not confirm a definitive reinforcement indication, source pressure, secure capacity nor does it constitute a quote for a connection or alteration of existing service. The use of any GIRS (*Gas Industry Registration Scheme*) registered company currently operating within Southern Gas Networks footprint can be employed for connection/alteration works, including SGN Connection Services.

A list of such companies can be found on the LRQA register website: <https://www.lrqa.com/en-gb/utilities/girs/search/>

Requests for quotations and design work from SGN Connection Services can be acquired via application from: <https://www.sgn.co.uk/Our-Services/Our-Services/>

The Minimum Information requirements for a Land Enquiry are:

- An approximate Site Address
- A Site Location drawing (*with, if possible, a preferred connection point highlighted*)
- An indication of the gas load (*SHQ or SCMH*)

Loads for commercial units must be provided in order for SGN to undertake Network Analysis and provide a Land Enquiry response.

If load details for domestic builds are unavailable SGN can use default annual load figures, based on historic data to ascertain a total AQ for the proposed development. This figure will then be diversified to calculate an instantaneous rate (*SHQ*), as per the below tables:

South

Default loads for SGN Southern LDZ are outlined in the table below:

Type of property	Number of bedrooms	KWH per annum (AQ)
Flat	1	11,000
	2	13,500
	3	14,500
Terraced	2	13,500
	3	14,500
	4	24,500
Semi - detached	2	14,500
	3	16,500
	4	24,500
Detached	2	14,500
	3	20,500
	4	24,500
Bungalow	2	16,500
	3	20,500

Scotland

Default loads for SGN Scotland LDZ are outlined in the table below:

Type of property	Number of bedrooms	KWH per annum (AQ)
Flat	1	11,000
	2	13,500
	3	14,500
Terraced	2	13,500
	3	14,500
	4	24,500
Semi - detached	2	14,500
	3	16,500
	4	24,500
Detached	2	14,500
	3	20,500
	4	24,500
Bungalow	2	16,500
	3	20,500