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Protective Provisions, Side Agreements and S127/S138 PA 2008

Table 1.1 Protective Provisions, Side Agreements and S127/S138 Position for Statutory Undertakers – Deadline 1 Update

Key	Description	Amount
	Relying on protective provisions as in draft order.	12
	Bespoke protective provisions only (no side agreement required).	5
	Side agreement only (no protective provisions required).	2
	Protective provisions and side agreement.	6

	Organisation	Status of protective provisions	Scope and purpose of any relevant side agreement	Current position	Progress since last update	S127/S138 engaged?
1	Affinity Water Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of water and sewage undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1. However, the parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach an agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	Not currently required.	Under negotiation - The parties' legal advisors have been in contact since September 2025, with draft protective provisions provided in October 2025 and correspondence on-going thereafter. Latest versions of PPs returned to Affinity Water's lawyers on 20 February 2026	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.
2	Anglian Water Services Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of water and	Not currently required.	Parties have been in correspondence since August 2025.	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.

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		sewage undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1. However, the parties are in discussion and have substantially agreed on bespoke protective provisions.		Protective provisions now substantially agreed.		
3	Arelion UK Ltd	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
4	Cadent Gas Ltd	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of gas undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1. However, the parties are in discussion and have substantially agreed on bespoke protective provisions.	A side agreement is substantially agreed.	Parties have been in correspondence since September 2025. Bespoke protective provisions and side agreement now substantially agreed.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
5	Conrad Energy Ltd	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of electricity	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 10 th February, providing CAD drawing. SoCG	To be completed for next deadline.	Both

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		and undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1.		provided week commencing 2 nd February.		
6	Eastern Power Networks plc (UKPN)	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of electricity undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1.	An overarching agreement is currently under negotiation.	Discussions between the parties over diversions, design and collaboration have been on going for a number of years. The draft Overarching Agreement was issued to UKPN in January 2026 for comment.	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.
7	Energy Assets Networks Ltd & Energy Assets Pipelines Ltd	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of electricity and gas undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
8	Equinor UK Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of electricity and gas undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1. However the parties are seeking to reach an	Not currently required	Equinor have indicated PPs to be requested by them, a draft proposal of which were received 18 th February.	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.

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		agreement on bespoke protective provisions.				
9	euNetworks The Loop Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
10	EXA Infrastructure	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 26 th January, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Comments received back from EXA 5 th February.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
11	Fulcrum Pipelines Ltd	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of gas undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.

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				interactions. Awaiting comments.		
12	Gigaclear Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
13	Lumen Technologies UK Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 26 th January, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
14	National Gas Transmission Plc	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of gas undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1. However, the parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach an agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	A side agreement is currently under negotiation.	Draft protective provisions issued in December 2025. Currently under negotiation and waiting for any comments back from NGT.	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.

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15	National Highways Limited	There are protective provisions for the benefit of National Highways Limited at Schedule 16, Part 5. However, the parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach an agreement on the final wording of these protective provisions.	The need for an agreement is being discussed.	Parties have been in correspondence since July 2025. A meeting is being arranged to discuss National Highways' concerns over Class 1 land take week commencing 23 February 2026 and comments on the draft protective provisions for the week commencing 2 March 2026.	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.
16	Network Rail Infrastructure Limited	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach an agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	A draft framework agreement is awaited from Network Rail.	Comments on Network Rail's template form of protective provisions were provided to their legal adviser on 3 October 2025. As of 17 February 2026 a response to the Protective Provisions is awaited along with a draft framework agreement from Network Rail's solicitors. Draft heads of terms for an agreement over the land rights have	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.

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				been issued and are under negotiation.		
17	Northumbrian Water Limited (Essex and Suffolk Water)	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of water and sewage undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1. However, the parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach an agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	Currently under negotiation.	Legal representatives in correspondence since mid 2025. Documentation returned 16 th Sept 2025. Side Agreement around Little Waltham pumping station proposed by E&S Water to be incorporated into one Asset Protection Agreement. NWL's comments back 3 February 2026. Latest comments returned to NWL's lawyers on 20 February 2026	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.
18	Openreach Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of electronics communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	A side agreement is currently being drafted in addition to the Protective Provisions in the Order.	Under negotiation.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.

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19	Pivoted Power LLP	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of electricity undertakers at Schedule 16, Part 1. However the parties are in discussion and will seek to reach an agreement on bespoke protective provisions or a side agreement.	The parties are in discussion and will seek to reach an agreement on bespoke protective provisions or a side agreement.	Items within the Statement of SoCG are being progressed to allow a draft Heads of Terms to be negotiated between parties.	To be completed for next deadline.	Both.
20	Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia ONE)	Protective provisions are not currently anticipated.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections/agreements required.	SoCG meetings held weekly to agree nature of interaction to then feed into legal agreement.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
21	Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia THREE)	Protective provisions are not currently anticipated.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections/agreements required.	SoCG meetings held weekly to agree nature of interaction to then feed into legal agreement.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
22	Verizon UK Ltd	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.

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				Verizon have since returned SoCG with comments 09/02/26.		
23	Virgin Media Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
24	Vodafone Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.
25	Zayo Group UK Limited	There are standard protective provisions for the benefit of operators of electronic communications code networks at Schedule 16, Part 2.	Not currently required.	Latest contact on week commencing 2 nd February, providing draft SoCG, GIS shapefile, and interface schedule documenting all interactions. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.	S138.

Table 1.2 Protective Provisions and Side Agreements for non-Statutory Undertakers – Deadline 1 Update

Organisation	Status of protective provisions	Scope and purpose of any relevant side agreement	Current position	Progress since last update
Suffolk County Council, Norfolk County Council, Essex County Council, Thurrock Council (Flood Authorities)	There are protective provisions for the benefit of drainage and flood authorities at Schedule 16, Part 3. However this version has not yet been agreed with the Flood Authorities and we await their comments.	Not currently required.	Parties have been in correspondence since August 2025. Latest contact on week commencing 23 February 2026 providing updated provisions.	To be completed for next deadline.
Suffolk County Council, Norfolk County Council, Essex County Council, Thurrock Council (Highways Authorities)	There are protective provisions for the benefit of the highway authorities at Schedule 16, Part 4. However, the parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach an agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The Applicant will offer a highways agreement on the same terms as protective provisions if completed before close of Examination.	Parties have been in correspondence since July 2025. Latest contact on week commencing 23 February 2026. Awaiting comments.	To be completed for next deadline.
Water Management Alliance (East Suffolk Water Management Board, Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board, and Waveney, Lower Yare & Lothingland Internal Drainage Board)	There are protective provisions for the benefit of drainage and flood authorities provided at Schedule 16, Part 3. However this version has not yet been agreed with the Water Management Alliance on behalf of the Drainage Boards and the parties are in negotiation over the terms of the Protective Provisions.	Not currently required.	Parties have been in correspondence since October 2025. Latest contact on week commencing 16 February 2026 requesting an update in relation to the WMA's review of the draft provisions.	To be completed for next deadline.

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