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Dear Ms Beasley,

I am writing further to the motion raised by Cllr. Bailey at Tuesday's Council meeting, regarding three projects undertaken by UK Power Networks in Cambridgeshire.

I was very concerned to learn of the issues raised by Cllr. Bailey and I would like to assure you that we aim to work closely with all our customers, and to complete our work as quickly and as safely as possible so that any disruption or inconvenience is kept to a minimum.

We have reviewed in detail each of the projects referred to in the motion:

**Ely by-pass**

We have worked closely with Council officers on the Ely by-pass and share the Council's desire to open it as quickly as possible. We issued a quote for the work in September 2016. The quote, accepted by the Council's consultants, included a completion date of March 2018. However, we were contacted two months after issuing the quote and informed that the design had changed. Following a site visit and various discussions to confirm the revised design, we issued a revised quote in January 2017 and completed the work ahead of schedule last summer. Because delivery of the work was accelerated and the design altered at the request of the Council's consultants, the resource and cost increased. We therefore do not believe that UK Power Networks is responsible for any delay in the opening of the by-pass.

**Cambridge Road resurfacing**

From the information detailed in the motion our records indicate that the work on Witchford Road and Cambridge Road, some months after the road had been resurfaced, was not carried out by UK Power Networks. We believe that the work referred to by Cllr. Bailey is detailed in this notice <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/electricity-work-set-to-take-place-on-cambridge-road-ely/>, and that the developer appointed an independent connection provider, Stormport, to undertake the connection work. This appears to have included laying a duct along Witchford and Cambridge Road from May to July last year. It is disappointing that UK Power Networks were identified as being at fault when we had not been responsible for these works.

**Pedestrian Crossing, Hop Row, Haddenham**

We completed the connection of the light-controlled pedestrian crossing in Hop Row, Haddenham, in February. Unfortunately, this was postponed twice at the request of the Council. In the first instance, we were unable to attend as the site was not ready and, on the second occasion, the excavation the Council's contractor had dug was too small for us to carry out the connection. Whilst it is disappointing the crossing was not energised sooner the cause was not due to UK Power Networks.

I hope that the above goes some way to explaining these issues more fully and clarifies our involvement. I would however welcome the opportunity to meet with you, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Count to discuss the Council's concerns.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information

Yours sincerely



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