I have an overhead line running alongside my new development, is it safe to work alongside and underneath the line?

No, this is a 11,000 volt line and it will be “live”. You will need to make contact with UK Power Networks to arrange for an engineer to visit site.

The UK Power Networks engineer will issue you with the necessary safety documentation and explain the safe working distances you need to adhere to.

You can contact UK Power Networks by calling 0845 601 4516 to arrange this.

More information on this can be found by visiting the UK Power Networks Website shown below:
http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/connections/move-or-divert-supply

Further guidance can be found here:
http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/gs6.htm

I would like to work on the outside of my building, which is adjacent to the overhead line. My builder has indicated i need to have this shrouded, can you please explain what this means and how do I get it done?

This line is a low voltage line and is “Live” and carries 400/230 volts. You should not work adjacent to this line without speaking to UK Power Networks.

Shrouding is where UK Power Networks visit a site and install a temporary plastic cover on the line to allow the building work to continue. The plastic cover is not a permanent form of insulation and is designed to protect the workers from accidental contact with the line only.

You can contact UK Power Networks by calling 0845 601 4516 to arrange this.

If you need the overhead line to be removed completely, you will need to make an application to UK Power Networks.

To arrange this please visit our web site and use the online form below:
www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/connections/move-or-divert-supply

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