

Incident Report

Service Strike – 18.10.18

What happened?

- An 11Kv underground cable was struck during an operation to drive a precast concrete pile.

What were the details?

- The site crew were instructed to replace a pile. During the installation of the new pile, the power went off in the business estate. The site crew immediately stopped works and the Electricity Provider were informed. However the initial report from the supplier was that this was only a power cut and so the site crew were instructed, by the principal contractor, to continue works.
- Five days later, the site crew were informed that the replacement pile had damaged an 11Kv cable 300mm below the piling mat.
- Permits confirmed that a full site scan had been completed and services were not marked as present.
- Further utilities were subsequently discovered and the PC is now proof digging all remaining pile positions

What can we learn?

- An investigation has commenced into the competence and detail of the utility investigation. This incident highlights the importance of ensuring that thorough investigation and scanning for buried services is completed prior to acceptance of the permit to break ground.

