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Cardiff Arena and Hotel – Utilities Strategy

1 Existing Utilities

The locations of existing utilities within the site boundary have been taken from plans provided by the statutory authorities, additional information from Cardiff Council and a geophysical survey carried out by Gwalia. The main utilities and easements are shown on Figure 1, full details of existing utilities are shown in Drawing No CAH-ARP-AX-XX-DR-C-92-2500 in Appendix A, a summary of the existing utilities and drainage is contained within the following sections.

1.1 Hemingway Road

There is an existing surface water sewer in Hemingway Road, which Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) records indicate to be 450mm diameter in the east, increasing to 600mm diameter in the west.

DCWW maps show a rising main in Hemingway Road which falls from east to west. DCWW have confirmed that the rising main pipe diameter is 130mm.

Additional utilities in Hemingway Road include high voltage (11kV) electricity cables, low pressure and medium pressure gas, and telecoms (Openreach, Virgin Media and Vodafone).

1.2 Schooner Way

There is an existing, large surface water sewer in Schooner Way, flowing from north to south. The diameter of this sewer is 1125mm and is some 7m deep.

Additional existing utilities in Schooner Way include high voltage (11kV) electricity, low pressure gas, telecoms (Openreach, Vodafone and Virgin Media), potable water, highway drainage and possible traffic signal cables. DCWW have indicated that the 300mm water main running along the west side of Schooner Way.

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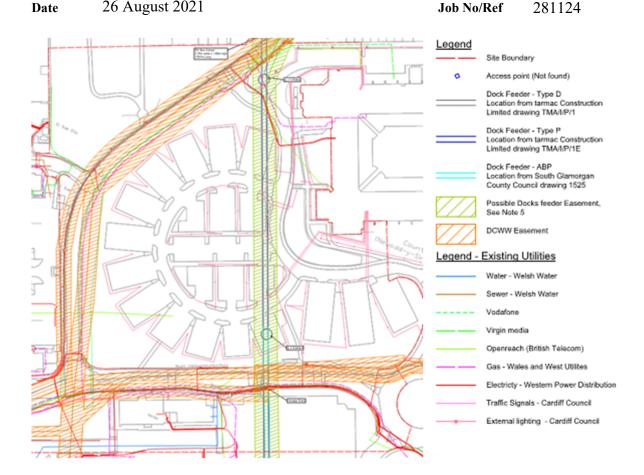


Figure 1 – Existing Utilities and Easements

1.3 Dock Feeder Culvert

Record drawings and the geophysical survey show a Dock Feeder Culvert flowing from north to south through the proposed site. Plans received from Associated British Ports (ABP) show that the Dock Feeder is a reinforced concrete box culvert, 2.25m wide and 1.80m high, with a typical depth to invert of 4.5-5.1m below the existing ground level.

1.4 Car Park

Street light cable information has been received from Cardiff Council, these are shown on Figure 1. The Gwalia survey also surface water drainage within the car park, outfalling into the deep surface water sewer along Schooner Way, these are shown on Drawing No CAH-ARP-AX-XX-DR-C-92-2500 in in Appendix A.

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2 Proposals

2.1 Site Layout

In developing the site layout, the constraints discussed in the above section are being taken into account. The Dock Feeder Culvert forms a major constraint in the east and the Arena has been sited to avoid building over this culvert. It is also proposed that Hemingway Road in the south is stopped off and Schooner way will be partially diverted and partially stopped off.

2.2 Development Site Levels

A proposed finished floor level of the Arena is 10.6mAOD and the Hotel is 10.8mAOD, these are generally higher than the existing level, thus providing additional cover over existing utilities. The levels of the external areas will generally vary between 9.5m and 10.7m to tie in to existing levels around the site and enable drainage falls across large areas of external works hardstandings.

2.3 Utility and Drainage Diversions

To enable the Arena and hotel to be developed, much of the utilities and drainage along Schooner Way will need to be diverted, this includes the deep surface water sewer, the water main, gas main, high and low voltage electrical cables and Openreach, Virgin, Vodafone and Cardiff Council comms. The deep surface water sewer forms a significant constraint and potential a very wide (14m) easement, discussions have been held with DCWW to see if the easement width could be relaxed and where other utilities can be placed in immediate proximity. DCWW have indicated that they may be prepared to relax the easement requirement, provided that parallel utilities are kept outside of the trench width of the pipe, advised by DCWW to be 3.4m wide. Plans and sections showing the proposed utility diversion corridors have been prepared, these are presented in Appendix A.

It is currently proposed not to divert the utilities along Hemingway Road, this will need to be reviewed as public realm proposals in this area develops. There may also be a need to divert utilities leading into County Hall in the north-west, pending further consultation with statutory authorities.

There are also two mobile phone masts present within the site, these are operated by Vodafone and Openreach, these are to be removed and relocated off site.

2.4 Utility Capacities and Connections

2.4.1 Water Mains

Enquiries have been made with DCWW regarding water supply for the development, they have indicated that capacity is currently not available in their network and hydraulic modelling is required to assess what improvements are required to their network. This modelling work is currently being undertaken by DCWW.

The water demand has been reduced by the provision of water storage system within the arena building. This is a proven solution for buildings with high peak demands that cannot be provided from mains water network.

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The DCWW utility plans identify a 300mm combined potable and fire main distributing along Schooner Way which would be the preferred connection location. This main will require diversion, the proposed route of the pipe follows the utility corridor and is also shown on Drawing CAH-ARP-AX-XX-DR-C-96-2520 in Appendix A. This proposed layout and sections have been sent to DCWW to proceed with their design.

2.4.2 Fire Water / Fire Hydrants

The arena will need appropriate hydrant cover, taking into consideration fire tender access to the external plaza and the service yard access. The intention is the hydrant supply will be taken from the public utility infrastructure. Each hydrant should be capable of delivering 1500 l/min/ WWU will need to confirm the availability of the flow required.

Fire Hydrants will be provided within 90m of dry mains inlets (where provided) or within 90m of an entry point to the building and not more than 90m apart.

It is proposed that the diverted water main provides hydrant supply to the west and north of the site. An existing water main is present along Hemingway Road, and this provides hydrant supply to the south. It is proposed to place a new water supply pipe along the eastern boundary of the site, as shown on Drawing CAH-ARP-AX-XX-DR-C-96-2520. The proposed location has been sent to DCWW to proceed with their design.

2.4.3 Natural Gas

The maximum and annual gas demand for the Arena has been estimated from the requirements of the proposed buildings and are shown in Table **.

Table 1 Estimated Maximum and Annual Gas Demands for Arena building and Hotel

Building	Maximum Demand (kW/hr)	Annual Demand (kWh)
Arena	4,359	7,862,088
Hotel	400	723,117

WWU have confirmed that there is a 250mm diameter main located along Schooner Way that is available to supply the buildings based on the estimated demands. It is proposed to divert this gas pipe as part of the works and a new connection can be formed as part of the diversion.

2.4.4 Electrical Utility Supply

Discussions with the local distribution network operator (WPD) have indicated that a new 11kV ring connection is available from Bute Place to the front of the Wales Millennium Centre.

The new circuit will supply a WPD owned and operated 11kV intake within the development footprint with metering being at the 11kV point of connection. The new circuit is subject to design development but at this stage it is proposed that a single metered 11kV supply will be provided to the facility.

The WPD ring circuit arrangement with suitable separation between each supply leg provides an increase in the availability of the supply and therefore provides a degree of resilience.

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The requirements for two separate 11kV cables have been identified, one leg running to the west and another leg running to the east of the Arena. The cables are included on the service corridor plan and sections shown in Appendix A.

2.4.5 Telecoms

New incoming fibre optic connections will be provided to the facility. The capacity of the incoming fibre connection will be determined but there is an allowance for two separate intake positions for resilience.

A number of copper lines for auto-diallers, Redcare and telephone connections will likely be required. The extent of these provisions will be determined during the design.

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Appendix A – Utilities Drawings

