

**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL & LICENSING SERVICES
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Rediffusion Cables – Albert Road and Rainhall Road to Ellis Street

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- (1) To appraise Committee of the issue and costs in removing the cables from the above properties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That no further action is taken.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) The responsibility for maintaining equipment on private property is that of the owners of those properties.

Albert Road (See Map 1)

- 1 Note that the costs provided are not quotes but are estimates.
- 2 The cable runs from the front of 8 Newton up over the roof to the chimney. At this point it has become partially unattached from it. At point A on the map there are a number of overhead telephone wires that prevent the safe use of a cherry picker. Removal of the cable would need to be facilitated by scaffolding. If the cable to the front is to be removed the front of the unit would also need to be scaffolded.
- 3 Removing the cable at point A would require securing of the cable at the same time at point B as otherwise it would fall onto the pavement below.
- 4 The cable then runs along the buildings to point C where it is secured. The height and configuration of the building means that this could only be accessed using scaffolding and

this would need to be designed to fit the design of the house so would be more expensive than simply scaffolding to the eaves.

- 5 The estimated costs are indicated below.

Point A	Scaffolding at P	£500 - £1000
Point B	Road Closure	£1000
Point C	Scaffolding	£1000
	Equipment and staff	£1000
	Total	£4,500

Rainhall Road to Ellis Street (See Map 2)

- 6 This is a considerably more complex situation than for Albert Road. There would need to be scaffolding of the property at Point A to access the roof. That is complicated by ownership and on site changes in level. The cable then goes over Rainhall Road where it was anchored to a chimney. The cable then proceeds across land in different ownerships across Frank Street. Frank Street has circa 18 telephone wires that the cable crosses which
i) prevent access to it by a cherry picker but more fundamentally
ii) mean that the cable cannot be allowed to hit the telephone wires.
- 7 In order to remove the cables form B-C a specialised method of removal would have to be undertaken. That situation would also prevent the cable being cut at points D or A as to do so would reduce the tension and result in it dropping onto the telephone wires. That would have the potential to damage them.
- 8 In terms of removing the wires form C-D any reduction in tension there would mean that the wires could hit the properties underneath with the potential to damage them. This would have to be mitigated.
- 9 The removal of this cable would need a specially designed solution or the removal of the telephone wires to facilitate a simpler process.

Point A	Scaffolding at P	£500
Point B	Road Closure	£1000
Point B	Scaffolding	£1000
Point B to C	Equipment and staff	Unknown
Design and CDM Regs	The scheme would need a specific design to co-ordinate what action would be taken when and there would have to be a CDM co-ordinator	Unknown without a specific design.
	Total	Unknown

Liabilities

- 10 Were Pendle to undertake the work it would be liable for any damage caused to buildings or equipment as a result. It would equally need to ensure public safety and ensure that the roads were formally closed whilst work was being undertaken. Were contractors to do the work they equally would need to ensure that no damage to property or equipment occurred.

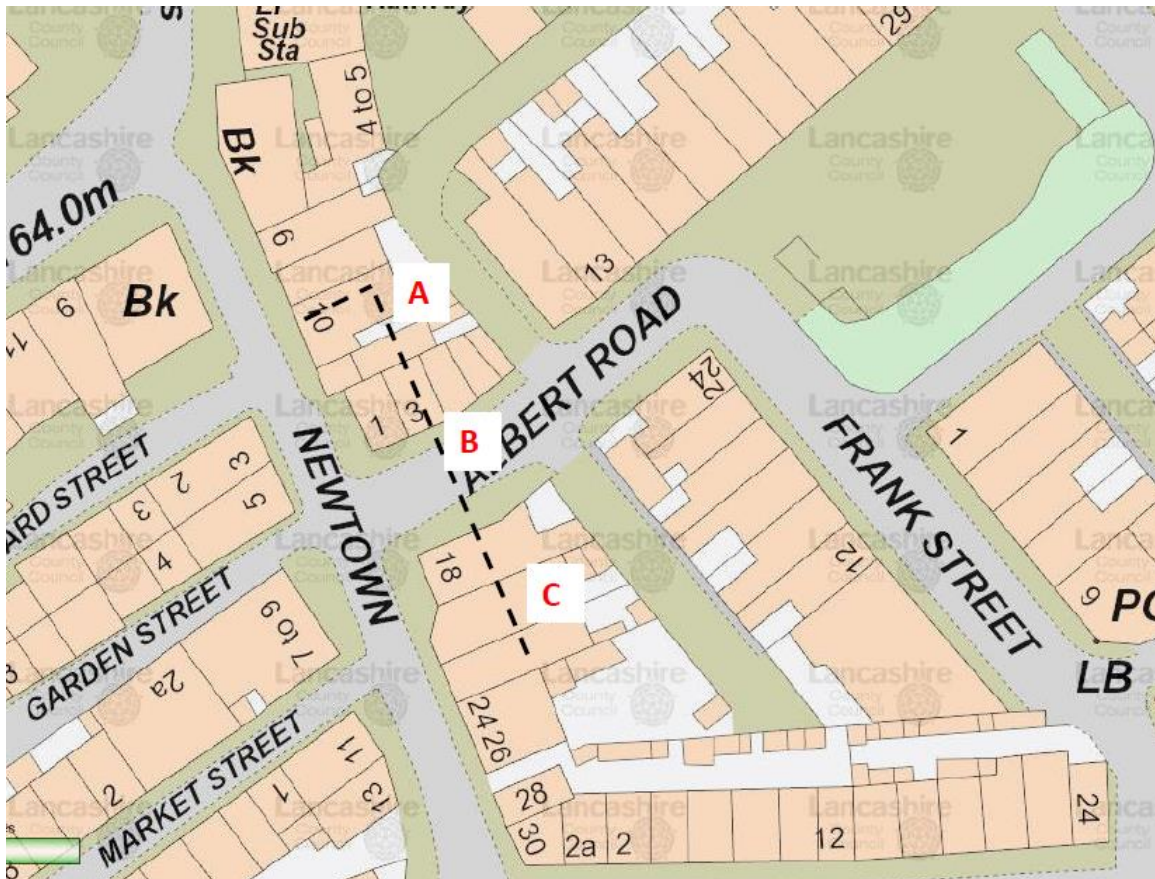
The implications for this are not known at this stage. A CDM coordinator would also need to be employed to ensure each element of the work was safely undertaken.

- 11** Road closures that took place whilst businesses were open would result in a business impact on those. Whilst they are likely to be short lived for Albert Road there would need to be a much longer closure of Frank Street to facilitate the removal of the cables safely and by not affecting the telephone infrastructure there.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None
Financial:	The cost implications for this to Pendle would be significant with there being further potential costs were damage to occur to properties whilst the work was undertaken.
Legal:	Damage caused as a result of the work may result in litigation.
Risk Management:	There are potential financial and direct risks to carrying out the work. As this is not a statutory function of Pendle Council this would be best mitigated by not carrying out the work.
Health and Safety:	None
Sustainability:	None
Community Safety:	None
Equality and Diversity:	None

MAP 1



MAP 2

