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Dear Mr Birkett

Thank you for your enquiry addressed to Sir Peter Gershon, regarding the request for information on providing a mains gas supply to Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire. I am responding in my role as Director of National Grids Gas Distribution business. I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Further to your correspondence, we have completed an initial assessment, in order to provide you an indication of costs of providing mains gas to the Parish.

It is expected that the most feasible solution involves extending the local gas supply network west from White Waltham. A high-level look at the area shows approximately 350 premises within the new catchment area, including properties in White Waltham. Assuming there are no large, non-domestic loads, our initial estimate to extend the mains network is approximately £6,900 per property. In addition to the 'shared' mains cost, the cost of providing a gas service from the main to the meter will need to be included. This would be an individual cost based on the particular requirement, however typically this will be around £3,700 per service, bringing the total cost per property to approximately **£10,600, excluding VAT**. We appreciate this cost may appear to be large, however, the distance to the main is reasonably significant, therefore costly.

In order for the scheme to become viable under the terms of our licence, we would need 40% of properties to accept the initial quotation. If you wish to proceed, as part of our infill process, please note we will need details of interested parties so we can undertake a more detailed assessment of the requirements and to finalise costs, noting the mains 'shared' cost would be applicable whether the customer was on this list or not.

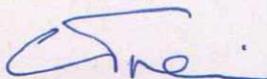
The proposal can be made by one representative i.e. yourself who would act as the point of contact for the village or town who are interested in having a gas mains brought into the requested area.

I would also like to let you know that there is competition in the provision of gas supplies and National Grid are not the only company who can connect you. Therefore, you may also contact one of the independent Gas Transporters that are listed on the below document from OFGEM's website: -

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/domestic-consumers/ncamm/Documents/1/How%20do%20I%20arrange%20for%20a%20gas%20connection%20to%20a%20number%20of%20properties.pdf>

I hope this letter provides you with the information you require. If you require further information, please contact our enquiries team.

Yours sincerely



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