# Electrical upgrade and rewire programme

Please sign the declaration below as acceptance of your agreed method of installation.

I have discussed the planned works to the electrical installation in my home and my chosen method of installation is (please tick box for the option chosen):

	Wiring to be fitted in white plastic surface trunking		
	Wiring to be chased in to existing plaster		
	Partially chased, partially surface trunking (Details indicated below)		
Electrical supplier and account number			
Isolator/fuse removal Yes No			
Details of chasing/trunking/cable routes discussed			

Address	
Tenant's name	
Signed	Date
Contractor's name	

# Electrical rewiring information pack

The Electrical Installation Condition Report for your home has identified work is needed to the electrical installation so it complies with current regulations.

Our surveyor will let you know if full rewiring of your home is needed or if an upgrade is required. If complete rewiring is necessary, they will let you know what this means for you.

All electrical work will be carried out to modern standards and will meet current regulations. This means any unsafe wiring will be removed.



If you have any concerns or questions during the time we are working in your home, you can contact the council's planned maintenance team on 01293 438111.







### **Full rewiring**

This means we will replace all the existing old electrical cables that are buried in the wall and under floors with new cables. It will also be necessary to replace all of the old switches, sockets and consumer units (fuse box) with new items.

We will try our hardest to keep any disruption to a minimum but rewiring can be a large piece of work.

The works can be quite noisy and dusty so the contractor will use dust sheets where they can but, inevitably, you will find dust around your home.

The electricity supply will have to be temporarily switched off for short periods.

We may need to move floor boards to do this work and if we do then you will

need to lift the floor coverings, such as laminate floors or carpet. We cannot take responsibility for damage to the floor coverings when they are lifted.

We aim to complete the rewiring works within four working days but some may take a little longer.

Although we will make good any damage to walls or flooring that may happen we will not do any painting or re-decorating.

# Upgrading

In many cases it won't be necessary to replace all the wiring in your home. Where possible, we will upgrade the existing electrical installation with new switches, sockets and consumer unit (fuse box).

## **Rewiring options**

We will need to run new wiring and install new switches and sockets in some or all of the rooms in your home. Where new wiring is needed, we will ask you which of the following options you would like us to use.

### 1. Surface mounted

Run new wiring in white plastic surface trunking screwed to the wall. This method minimises disruption and reduces the need for redecoration. The trunking will be visible after the work is completed.

### 2. Chased in

To chase the cable into the walls. This requires the existing plaster to be cut by machine and chiselled out to accept the new wiring. The chases will be filled and sanded back to a smooth finish and left for you to redecorate. This can often be noisy and dusty however, we will take reasonable and practical precautions to protect your property from the dust.

It may not always be possible to chase in all the new wiring on every installation, each property can have its own issues which could prevent this. The electricians carrying out the work will explain to you all the works they need to carry out and discuss with you the intended route of any new wiring. They will also discuss with you your choice of method for installing the new wiring.

## Typical electrical installation

Room	Quantity
Hall	1 double socket
Living room	4 double sockets
Kitchen	3 double sockets, 3 unswitched sockets, 3 switched fused spurs, cooker point, mechanical extract, moisture resistant LED light fitting
Dining room	3 double sockets
Bedroom (large)	3 double sockets
Bathroom	Mechanical extract, moisture resistant LED light fitting
Airing cupboard	Immersion point
Boiler	Fused spur
General	Smoke detector
General lighting	Pendant lights
External light	Rewire of existing only

## Security

While we are carrying out work in your home please put valuables in a safe place as we may need to move things so work can be done. In the unlikely event that something goes missing, please check carefully that you've not mislaid it. If you are unable to find the item, please report it immediately to the police as theft is a criminal matter and inform your Tenant Liaison Officer You'll need to make a note of the crime number the police give to you. All work on your home will be stopped until the matter has been resolved by the police.

If you or someone you know would like help with understanding this document please contact the Planned Maintenance Team on **01293 438111**.