Shared containment safety and accountability

Six-stage framework for communal metering. Proposal for consultation only. Version 0.3, 7 November 2026. Not an approved safe system of work.

The aim is to keep maintenance, worksite safety and multi-party rectification connected. A controller coordinates a shared hazard. Coordination does not transfer ownership of every third-party cable.

Stage	What it requires
01 Inspect	Controller-led, risk-based inspection and maintenance of communal assets. No universal annual or five-year interval is claimed as existing law.
02 Assess	Task-specific Shared Containment Disturbance Assessment where a meter job might disturb shared containment. The form is not a permit to open, move or test outside the authorised task.
03 Decide	Proceed, proceed under authorised controls, or stop and escalate. A likelihood × consequence score is priority only. It never overrides a mandatory stop and never authorises work.
04 Protect	Control immediate danger to workers and residents before ownership disputes, procurement or KPI review. A missing controller contact is recorded as a defect. It is not clearance.
05 Rectify	Named coordinator arranges investigation, isolation, permissions and repairs. Competent authorised contractors, including supplier-associated firms, may tender for planned work. Urgent danger is controlled before tendering.
06 Verify	Evidence-led closure, communication to affected parties, trend review and preventive action. A paper receipt is not a clearance to restart.

Cross-cutting: Infrastructure Safety Abort (ISA). A justified stop, outside the contractor's authorised task, is kept out of avoidable-failure KPIs once the evidence pack is accepted. Cost recovery is a separate contractual question. There is no automatic charge to a BNO. No one is asked to enter, open or disturb a hazard solely to complete the evidence pack.

Who uses it

BNO / building controller — asset register, inspections, first-contact coordination, commissioning of its own assets.

Metering organisation — safe system, case tracking, ISA administrative review.

Engineer — task assessment and escalation, only inside the employer's approved system. This page is not that system.

Industry bodies — standards, data-sharing and contractual consultation. Wider adoption follows a controlled pilot, not assumption.

Companion set, all Version 0.3: pack contents (00), this page (01), SCDA-01 (02), escalation flowchart (03), RACI (04), ISA evidence addendum (05), pilot metrics (06), and the white paper with corrected running footer.