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**From:** Barbara Reilly  
**Sent:** 16 November 2016 11:06  
**To:** Barbara Reilly  
**Subject:** FW: Undergrounding of electrical wires in Lucan Village

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**From:** Sean Murphy [mailto:[sean.murphy5@esb.ie](mailto:sean.murphy5@esb.ie)]  
**Sent:** 15 November 2016 12:03  
**To:** Barbara Reilly  
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Barbara,

Thank you for your mail. Please ESB's response to your query below.

Our urban overhead network is safe, fit for purpose and in line with our responsibility to all customers to keep to Least Cost Technically Acceptable (LCTA) solutions.

ESB Networks can and do facilitate undergrounding of urban network, but these works would be chargeable.

The undergrounding of urban cables would typically be under the remit of the County Council / County Chief Executive, who plan this as part of an urban renewal/regeneration scheme and pays ESB Networks to underground the cables.

(If I am not mistaken your current County Chief Executive, Danny McLoughlin, rolled out a comprehensive programme of undergrounding right across Leitrim during his time at Leitrim County Council.)

Given limitations on County Council budgets across Ireland, these works are usually undertaken on a phased basis.

The County Council asks us for a design some years in advance, then the County Council installs ducting, (normally prior to the County Council laying new paving (cobble-lock), road finishing, installing new street furniture, etc.

At a later stage, the Council will then commission us to move the overhead network to the underground ducting.

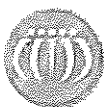
In the experience of my colleagues in ESB Networks, undertaking renewal/regeneration works over a number of years, facilitates better planning and execution and avoids significant disruption to businesses in the area.

Furthermore, it can be done within tight budgetary constraints.

I trust that this answers your query.

Sincerely,

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