
Prevention of Third Party Damage in the UK

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A United Industry Approach

I UKOPA

- Forum for knowledge sharing and promotion of best practice
- Influencing legislation development and modification
- Coordinating consistent views on strategic issues
- Focus Work Groups – **Infringement Working Group**

I Linewatch

- Joint industry initiative to promote greater awareness of buried oil and gas pipelines
- Proactive approach to prevention of third party damage via presentations, literature and promotion of safe working procedures

I Linesearch

- A single point of contact for all initial third party enquiries relating to apparatus owned by the member operators

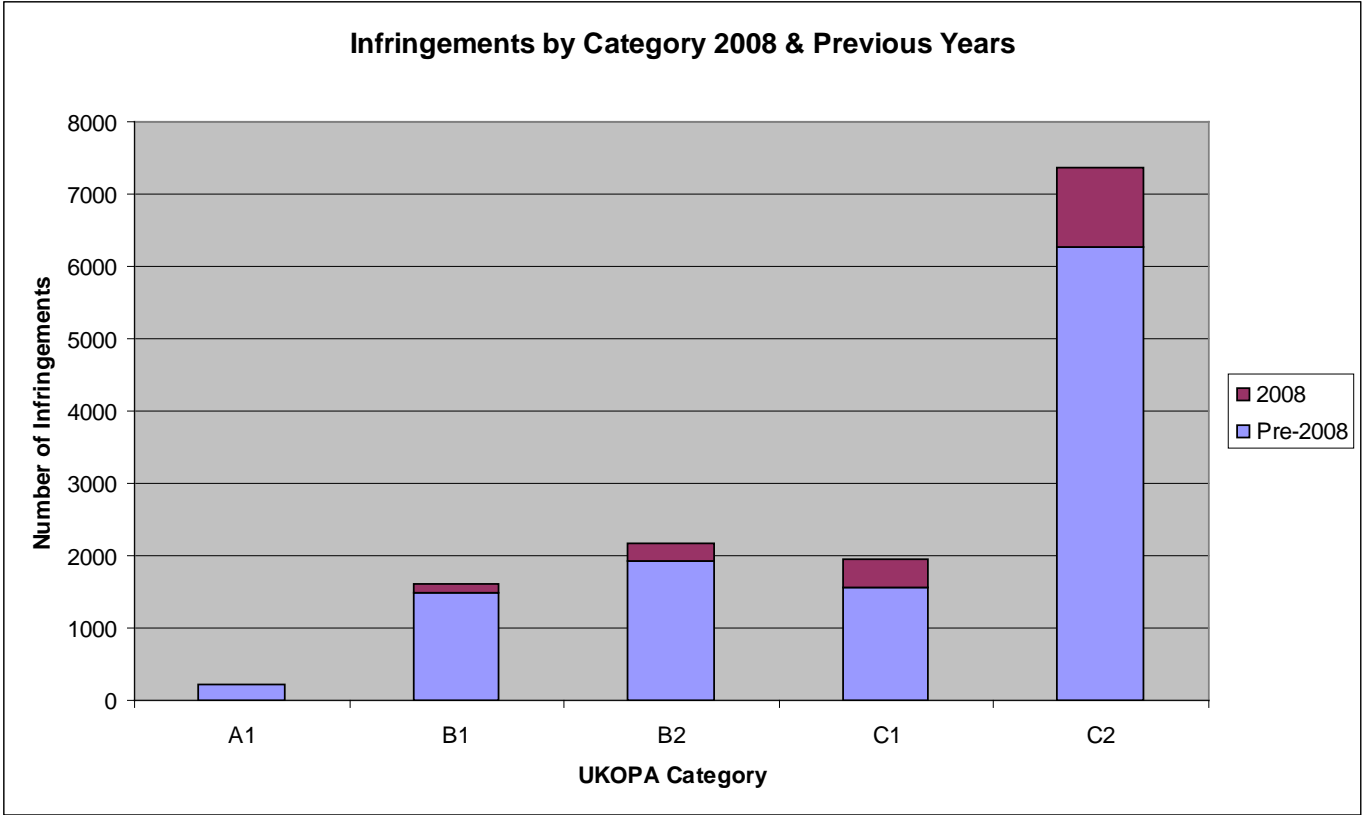


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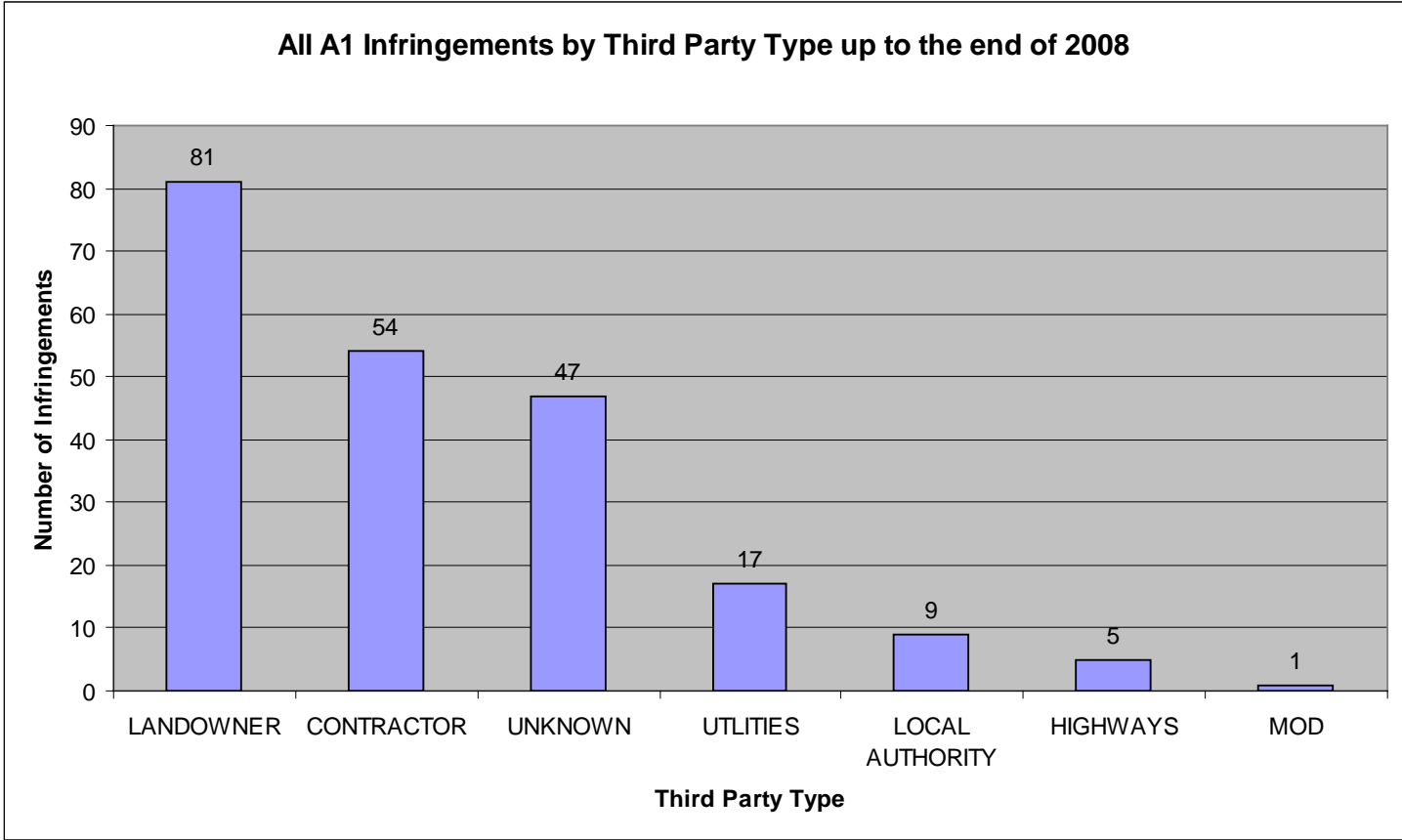
- I To lead UKOPA activities and initiatives in the prevention of Third Party Damage
- I Manage the operation and development of the UKOPA Infringement Database
- I For industry and the regulator to use the database outputs to improve safety when working in the vicinity of high pressure pipelines



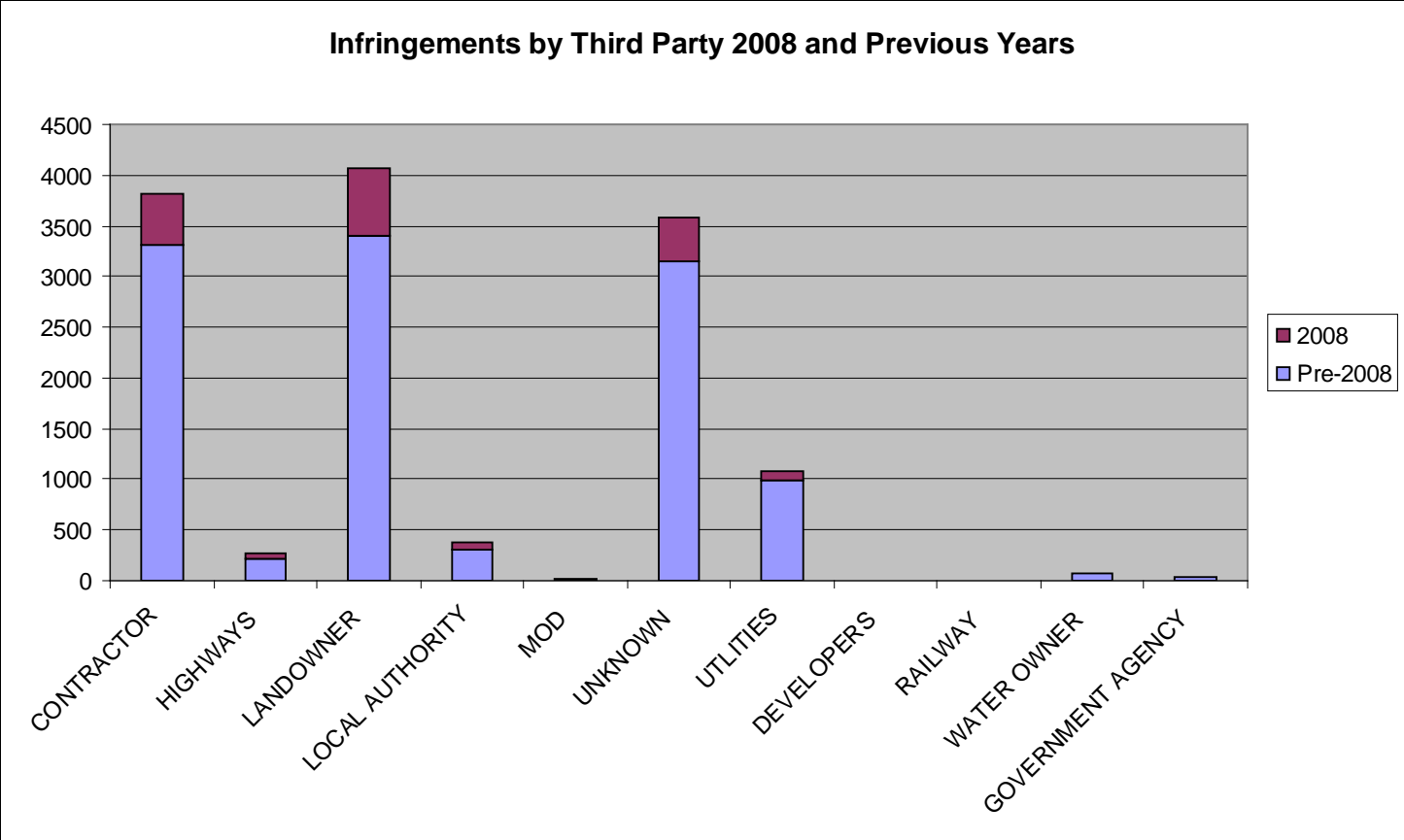
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Landowner Works

- | 90% of pipeline routing is through privately owned land
- | Predominately agricultural environment
- | High volume, but generally lower risk activities
 - Normal agricultural operations such as ditch cleaning and fencing
- | Often such works are perfectly permissible under the terms of the Deeds of Grant/Leases without reference to the pipeline operator
- | Increased mechanisation of agriculture and the change in “normal agricultural operations”
- | Communication is the key to reduce this risk



Landowner Safe Working Initiatives

- | Safety and awareness mailshots
- | Annual Linewatch calendar
- | Tool box cards
- | Promotional material and give aways
- | Liaison visits
- | Articles in industry journals (Farmers Weekly, Country Landowner)
- | Attendance at agricultural shows and events
- | UKOPA Farmers & Landowners awareness [DVD](#)



Challenges

- I To improve the quality of the infringement records being entered to the database
 - Consistent approach to classification of infringements
 - More detailed investigation of infringements to reduce the number of unknowns
- I Proactive approach with the regulator in targeting the top offenders
- I Raising the culture of Health & Safety within the agricultural industry
- I Legislation
- I New challenges from third party damage eg. theft



Any Questions?

