

# INTRODUCING YOUR MONTHLY KURVE CREDIT BILLS



### HERMITAGE LANE

Metering and billing services for heat & hot water

**ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW** 

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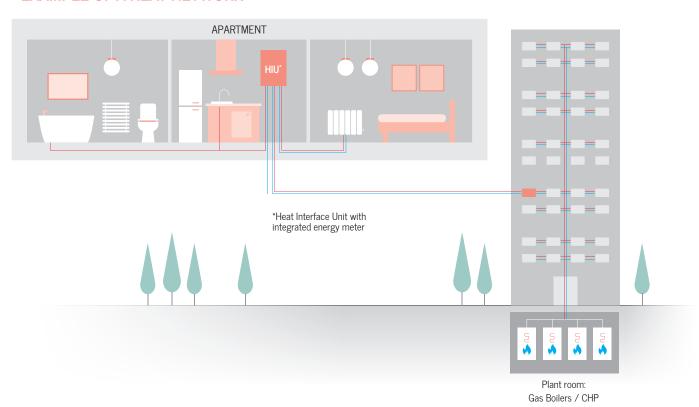
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### WELCOME TO HERMITAGE LANE

Your new home is served by a heat network. Heat networks are an efficient, low carbon method of delivering heat to buildings. Instead of every home having individual gas boilers, there is one central plant room generating energy into heat & hot water and feeding it to all connected properties. This heat network is managed by your heat provider, TBG Opendoor Homes.

Through a network of insulated pipes, the generated heat is delivered through a Heat Interface Unit (HIU) which is installed in each property. This method of delivery means your heating system is robust and reliable, allowing your heat & hot water to be provided on demand as and when you want it. Your HIU is also connected to room thermostats and programmers, giving you control over your energy use.

#### **EXAMPLE OF A HEAT NETWORK**



### KURVE, INSITE ENERGY, CREDIT BILLING AND YOU

TBG Opendoor Homes has chosen KURVE Credit Billing for your home, to be managed by Insite Energy.

Insite Energy is a metering and billing agent for many heat networks around the UK. We work on behalf of heat providers such as TBG Opendoor Homes to provide metering and payment services to their residents.



#### WHAT IS KURVE CREDIT BILLING?

KURVE collects actual meter readings from your heat meter remotely every month. This is done via an Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system. Your heat meter can be found either inside or near your HIU, which is located in your utility cupboard.

We then send monthly credit bills to you, either via post or electronically, detailing your energy consumption and the daily standing charge, which is a fixed charge per day. If at any time we are unable to obtain actual meter readings, you will be sent a bill based on estimated readings, if instructed by your heat provider. If you would like your bill to be reissued, based on your actual consumption, you can provide a read via our 'Submit a meter read' form.

Your KURVE bills will be issued one month in arrears and received within the first week of each month. If we are looking after more than one utility, you will receive one bill detailing your charges for all of these utilities collectively.

### YOUR CHARGES

Like all utilities, your tariff is broken down into two elements:

- 1. **Daily standing charge** This is the fixed charge passed on by your heat provider which covers the cost of operating the heat network and delivering energy to your home. This includes administrative charges and is payable daily by all residents regardless of the amount of energy consumed.
- 2. **Consumption charge** This is charged per kWh (kilowatt hours) consumed within your property. This covers the bulk cost of the energy generated in the communal plant room. It also includes any associated heat losses between the supply point and your home. Your energy consumption is measured via the heat meter installed in your home, so you only pay for what you have used.

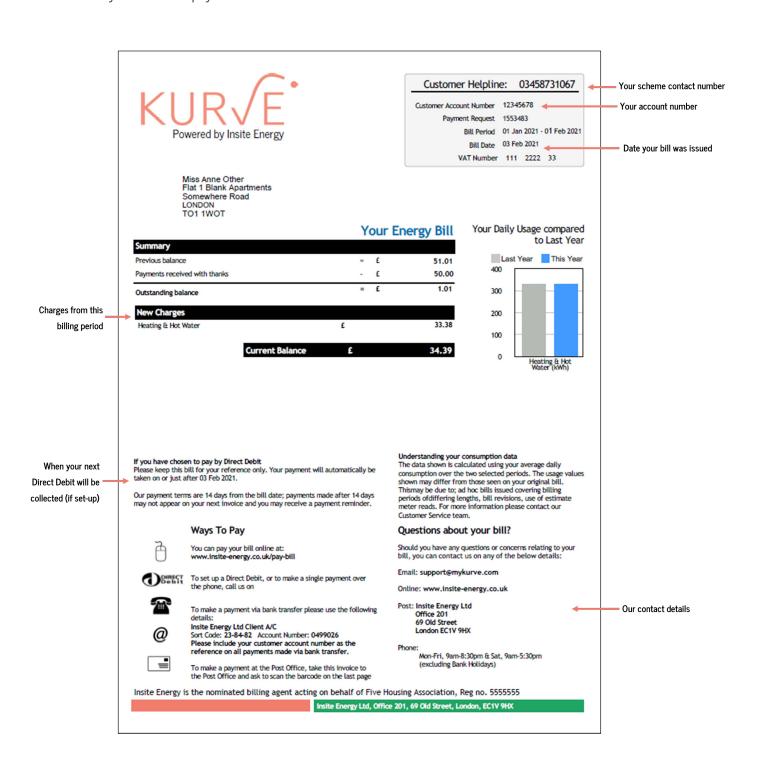
Your tariff is set and regularly reviewed by your heat provider to ensure the price is fair and any fees charged do not exceed the cost of providing energy to your home. Your heat provider legally cannot make a profit from your tariff. Unfortunately, we are unable to alter your tariff unless instructed to do so by TBG Opendoor Homes.

Any changes to your tariff will be communicated to you in writing, providing you with at least 31-days' notice before application.

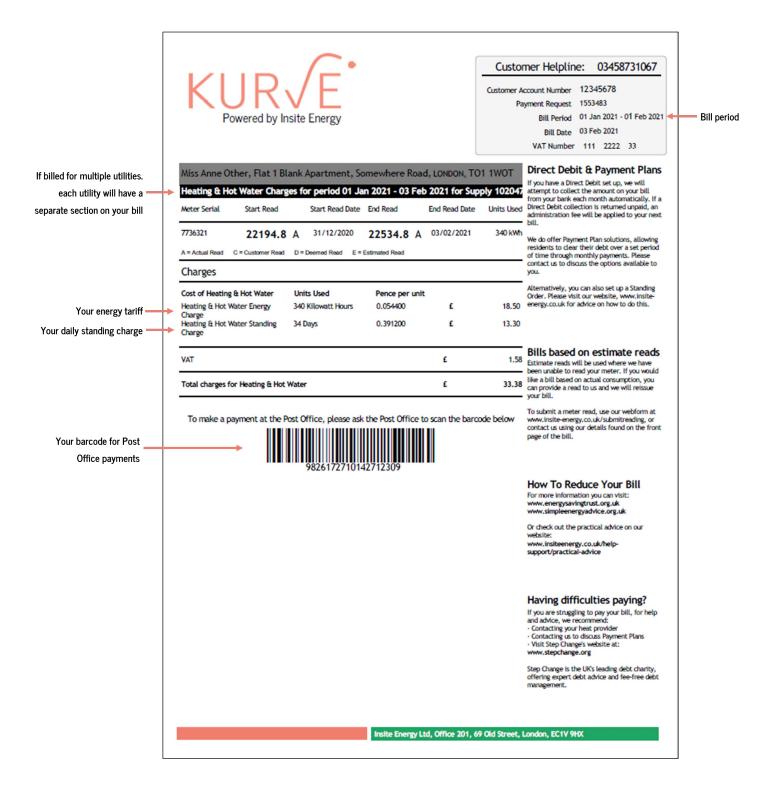
You will find your current tariff information on your monthly bill.

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR KURVE BILL

Your KURVE bill contains various information to show you what you have consumed, what your charges are, and how you can make payments.



### **UNDERSTANDING YOUR BILL**



### **BILLING TERMS EXPLAINED**

#### **FRONT PAGE**

#### **Previous Balance**

This shows you your balance that was brought forward from the previous month.

#### Payments received with thanks

This shows you the payments that Insite Energy, on behalf of KURVE, received from you by the date your new bill was issued. If you made a payment after this bill was produced, it will not show as a payment received. It will however be shown on the next bill.

#### **Outstanding Balance**

This shows you what is still owed from previous bills. As this amount still needs to be paid, it is added to the total owed – shown again as 'Current Balance' at the bottom of the bill.

#### **New Charges**

This section shows the charges for the month being billed. It is a summary of the charges shown on the back page of the bill.

#### **Current Balance**

This is the total amount that you must pay. It includes any balance brought forward plus the total of your new charges for the month being billed.

#### **BACK PAGE**

#### 'Your Utility Charges'

This section shows you what you have consumed per utility and the resultant costs in line with your tariffs. It shows you the period that is being billed (usually the first day of a month to the last day of a month) and your meter serial number.

Your meter read will usually be annotated with an 'A', to illustrate that it is an actual remote reading taken from your meter and is therefore an accurate record of what you have consumed. If we have had to estimate your bill, this will be denoted by an 'E'.

#### Charges

Your Energy Charge refers to the cost of energy used measured in kWh. Your Standing Charge is a fixed cost per day for your connection to the heat network. These are set by your heat provider.

#### **Total Charges for Heating & Hot Water**

This is the total owed by you for the period billed, including VAT. This amount is shown on the front page as 'New Charges'.

### MAKING PAYMENTS

#### **ONLINE**

You can pay online for your monthly KURVE credit bill via Insite's secure website, by going to www.insite-energy.co.uk/make-payment, and selecting 'Pay Your Bill'.

You can also set up a Direct Debit by calling us on 0120 031 6053. Please note that a Direct Debit should only be set up once you start receiving bills. The Direct Debit options available to you are:

- Fixed this is a fixed payment amount determined by you each month to cover your average monthly bill
- Variable this is a variable payment amount meaning that the exact amount charged to you each month on your bill is then collected for payment
- Payment plan If you have aged debt on your account we can set you up on a payment plan direct debit which will cover your average monthly bill as well as a proportion of your debt balance, to help you gradually pay your debt off over time. A payment plan will be set up for an agreed period of time e.g. 6 months, based on how much you can afford to pay each month.

To make regular payments via Standing Order, please use the following bank details. You will need to use your 8-digit account number as the payment reference so we can correctly allocate your payment to your account. These details can also be found on the back of your monthly bill:

Bank Name: Insite Energy Ltd Client A/C Sort Code: 23-84-82 Account Number: 0499026

#### **OVER THE PHONE**

You can pay your KURVE bill over the phone with one of our Customer Service Advisors.

#### PAYMENT AT A POST OFFICE

Take your bill to any Post Office to make a payment on to your account. You will need to present the barcode as printed on your bill.

#### **IMPORTANT**

It is important you pay your bills promptly each month. Your heat provider has instructed us to issue debt management letters if you do not pay on time. Please note, if you do not make full payments to us each month, you may be breaching your lease agreement.

If you have any problems making a payment, please get in touch with our helpdesk. You can do so during our office hours either by calling us on 0120 031 6053 or emailing us at support@mykurve.com

#### We are open:

- 9am 8:30pm Monday to Friday
- 9am 5:30pm Saturdays
- We are closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

You can find a comprehensive list of our FAQs on our website. We've selected a few common queries below:

#### My heat & hot water is not working

Before getting in touch with us, please check that:

- Your heating controls (i.e. radiator thermostats and programmer) are set correctly
- The heat meter and HIU are on and are undamaged
- You have electricity to your property

If the answer to all the above is 'yes' and you still have no heat & hot water, please contact our Customer Service team.

Please note, KURVE / Insite Energy are not responsible for your energy supply, nor do we maintain the heating system at your development or in your property. Unfortunately, as a result and unless contracted, we are unable to help you with the maintenance of the heating system within your property. For queries relating to your electricity and water supply, please contact your relevant suppliers.

#### My Bill is too high - can you investigate and send me a new one?

If your bill has an 'A' marked within the 'Heat Charges' section, it shows that an actual reading has been taken from your heat meter and sent to Insite Energy remotely.

If your bill is based on actual readings from your heat meter, they have given us a true report on you kWh consumption of energy - so we will unfortunately not be able to change it.

#### I'm moving out. What do I need to do?

It is important that you let us know exactly when you will be leaving your current address. If we don't receive an accurate move out date, your standing charges and energy usage may be miscalculated in your final bill.

To make sure you only pay for what you've used, it's important to give us an accurate final meter reading taken on the date you move out of your home. You will then receive your final bill and account closure confirmation letter from us in the post, or via email if you've registered for e-billing. If you don't provide a final meter reading, you may receive an inaccurate final bill from us or even become liable for standing charges until the next tenants move in.

It's easy to submit a final meter reading. You can take a note of the full meter reading and send it to us via our Moving Out form found on Insite Energy's website, or you can take a photo of your heat meter's screen and send it to us at support@mykurve.com. You will also need to complete and send us an End of Tenancy form, which can be downloaded on our website.

If we don't receive all the necessary information to close off your account, we may end up billing you in error. Your Heat provider or Landlord may even withhold your deposit or take legal action until all outstanding bills and debts are settled.

### **CUSTOMER SUPPORT**

#### **VULNERABLE CUSTOMERS**

We offer additional services to our residents who may require additional support. These include bill nominees, priority attendance, password protected appointments, and alternative communication formats. If you feel you need access to these services and identify as any of the following, please get in touch with your heat provider to be registered:

- Over the age of 70 years old
- With mental and/or physical disabilities
- Non-English speaking

- With long-term/chronic illness
- Visually or hearing impaired

Other circumstances such as bereavement and financial instability may give rise to vulnerability and will be taken into consideration. We keep a record of all vulnerable customers in our Priority Services Register (PSR), which is shared with your heat provider.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP US

There are a few things you can do to help avoid any potential issues:

- Please allow our staff access to your property when we need to carry out maintenance. We will
  endeavour to arrange a morning or afternoon weekday appointment for a time that suits you.
- Please keep all scheduled appointments and provide us with at least 48 hours' notice. Your heat provider may charge you for any missed appointments where reasonable notice has not been given.
- If you think your metering system is faulty, please let us know at the earliest opportunity.
- Please take reasonable care of your heat meter and heating system.
- Keep all electronic and physical payment receipts for your records.

#### **GETTING IN TOUCH**

Customer service is paramount to us. We aim to handle any customer queries or complaints as quickly and effectively as possible. We record all telephone calls and monitor call waiting times so we can continuously improve our performance.

If our services do not meet your expectations, or you experienced great customer support, please get in touch. You can view our Complaints Policy here. In addition, if you have a query regarding your KURVE account, are moving out of your property, or have any other issues related to making payments, you can get in touch with our helpdesk via:

- Email at support@mykurve.com
- Telephone on 0120 031 6053 during our office hours

9am - 8:30pm Monday to Fridays 9am - 5:30pm on Saturdays

Post to: Customer Service Manager, Insite Energy Ltd, Stuart House, St Johns Street, Peterborough, PE1 5DD

When contacting us, please provide your name, address, and your 8-digit payment number to help us deal with your query more efficiently.

We will acknowledge your query or complaint on the same working day it is received, and aim to resolve it within ten (10) working days. If your issue requires us to liaise with TBG Opendoor Homes or any other third parties, this may take longer. Please note that we do not have a Customer Service counter and cannot accept payments or investigate queries in person.



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