

## EIA SCREENING OPINION

<b>Application Reference Number</b>	15NP0003EL
<b>Description / Site Address</b>	Notification under Electricity Act 1989 Overhead Lines ( Exemption ) regulations in respect of replacement and re-positioning of poles and installation of underground cable and undergrounded line proposed using permitted development rights under Part 17 of the GPDO, at High Rochester, Rochester, Otterburn, Newcastle upon Tyne

### **SCREENING OPINION - Planning Authority Summary**

After considering this proposed development in terms of formal EIA Screening, the LPA has assessed the significance of potential environmental impacts. It is concluded that, based on the information provided, the proposal would not be EIA development.

### **Screening Checklist**

The changes to the overhead line proposed fall within the broad descriptions given in Schedule 2 of The Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 Regulations (as amended), namely (4) an electric line installed above ground in a sensitive area, the installation of which (or the keeping installed of which) will require a section 37 consent but which is not Schedule 1 development and does not fall within paragraph (3) of this Schedule. The proposal is located within a sensitive area.

#### EU/National Designations

Northumberland National Park – Within proposed development site & surrounding area, potentially sensitive in terms of biodiversity, landscape, tranquillity and archaeological/heritage considerations

Scheduled ancient monument ND20/1006610, potentially sensitive in terms of biodiversity, landscape, tranquillity and archaeological/heritage considerations

### **Statement of Reasons:**

The development is Schedule 2 development under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. The proposal for a the replacement and repositioning of poles in connection with an overhead electricity line is not considered to have any significant environmental impacts in terms of landscape and visual effects, archaeology and the cultural heritage of the National Park, ecology, or any other significant environmental impacts.

	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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