



## **DELEGATED DECISION REPORT**

<b>Application Reference Number</b>	15NP0043EL
<b>Description / Site Address</b>	Rebuild of approximately 200 metres of LV overhead line at Ladyhill, Simonburn, Hexham, Northumberland, NE48 3EE
<b>Applicant</b>	Northern Power Grid

### **1. Planning Policy**

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)  
The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015  
Electricity Act 1989  
Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009

Core Strategy

**Policy 3:** *General Development Principles*

**Policy 20:** *Landscape Quality and Character*

### **2. Policy Context**

Part 15 Class B of the 2015 GPDO states that:

Development by statutory undertakers for the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity for the purposes of their undertaking consisting of—

- (a) the installation or replacement in, on, over or under land of an electric line and the construction of shafts and tunnels and the installation or replacement of feeder or service pillars or transforming or switching stations or chambers reasonably necessary in connection with an electric line;

constitutes permitted development, unless section 37(1) of the Electricity Act 1989 applies.

The Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009 state that Section 37(1) of the Electricity Act shall not apply in relation to development listed in the exemption regulations; as such, **the proposal is considered to be permitted development and the Local Planning Authority can only object to the proposal on grounds of environmental impact.**

**3. Relevant Planning History**

Nil

**4. Consultations/Representations**

None undertaken

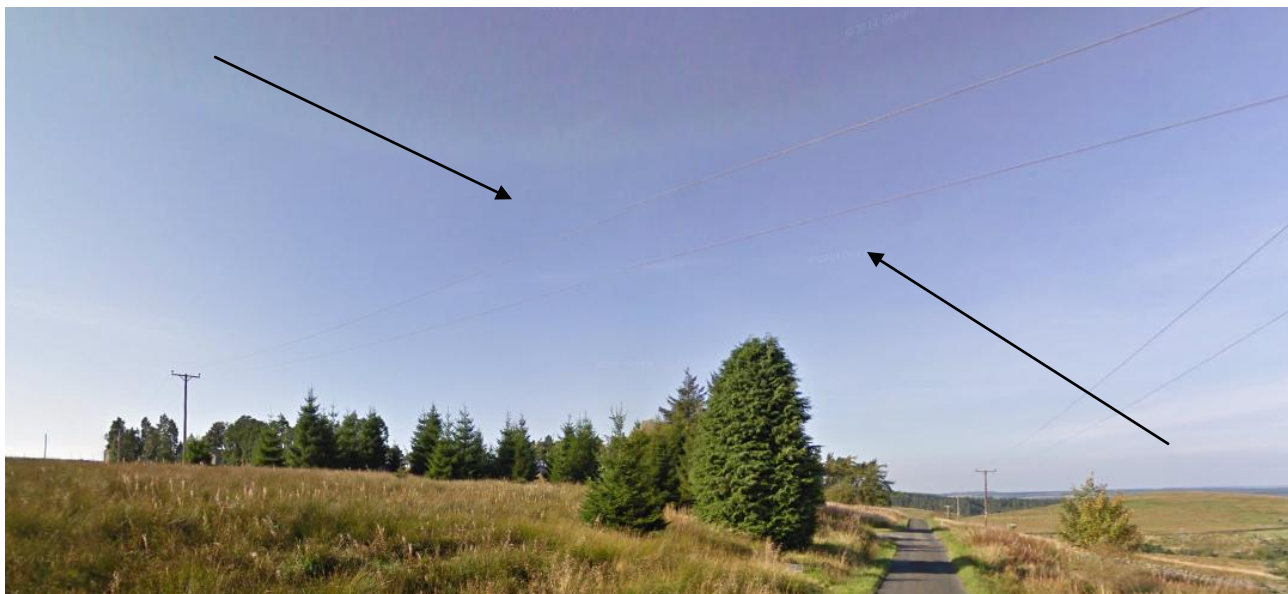
**5. Assessment**

The Local Planning Authority has been consulted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Overhead lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 for the proposed re-building of approximately 200m of LV overhead line.

The scheme proposes to improve the safety and reliability of the local supply through the re-building of this span of line with 120mm ABC (aerial bundled conductor), in order to increase resilience from bird strike.



View 1: (See inset map). Facing west along main road (Ward Lane). P22 with existing transformer attached to pole to right side of photo. Existing double span line projects south from P22 towards Ladyhill.



View 2: (See inset map). Facing west along Ward Lane. Existing overhead lines from P22 visible across photo (marked by arrows), connecting to existing HV Pole 1, against backdrop of trees.



View 3: Facing west along Ward Lane. Existing P22 visible to far right of photo, with Ladyhill property visible at far left (marked by arrows). Replacement wire would span this distance.

The proposed line would not appear as a new feature within the landscape, and would in actuality result in a reduction in LV lines visible, replacing a double-span line for one single length of 120mm of ABC. A backdrop of mature trees would be maintained adjacent to the property driveway, in order to aid the screening of the line from the wider area.

The proposed replacement line would not represent an unacceptable addition to the landscape being essentially the replacement of an existing line and consequently it is recommended no objections be raised.



### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the following representations are made:

Northumberland National Park Authority raises **no objection** to this notification and **does not** wish the Secretary of State to consider the application.

	Signature	Date
Planning Officer		
Head of Development Management or Chief Executive		