



DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

Application Reference Number	16NP0004EL
Description / Site Address	Notification under electricity act 1989 overhead lines (exemption) regulations in respect of replacement of existing overhead electric line with aerial bunched conductor at Holystone, Alnwick, Northumberland
Expiry date of publicity / consultations	N/A
Last date for decision	19 February 2016

Details of Proposal

The Local Planning Authority has been consulted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Overhead lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 for the rebuilding of 220 metres of existing overhead line with aerial bunched conductor (ABC) wire.

The proposed works would be undertaken within the village of Holystone.

Planning Policy & Guidance

National Policies

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012)

National Planning Practice Guidance (2015)

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015
Electricity Act 1989

Overhead Lines (Exemption)(England and Wales) Regulations 2009

Local Policies

Northumberland National Park Authority Core Strategy and Development Policies Document (Core Strategy) (2009)

Policy 3 *General Development Principles*
Policy 20 *Landscape Quality and Character*

Supplementary Planning Guidance

NNPA Landscape Supplementary Planning Document (Landscape SPD)

Relevant Planning History

None relevant to this application.

Consultation/Representations

None undertaken as part of this application.



Assessment

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.**

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 rebuilding of 203 metres of existing overhead line with aerial bunched conductor (ABC) wire.

The proposed line would not appear as a new feature within the landscape, being a replacement of existing wires with proposed ABC wire. The proposals would be undertaken against the backdrop of surrounding dwellings and building within Holystone, thus reducing the visual impact of the line and poles from the wider landscape setting.

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

Recommendation & Conditions

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.

Background Papers

Application file 16NP0004EL



	Signature	Date
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Head of Development Management or Chief Executive		