



DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

Application Reference Number	16NP0085EL
Description / Site Address	Installation of one wood pole and two stays on existing overhead line at Ingram, Northumberland, NE66 4LT
Expiry date of publicity / consultations	N/A
Last date for decision	13 October 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 installation of 1no. replacement terminal pole and 2no. stays on existing overhead line on land north of Ingram.

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 proposed works entail the installation of 1no. replacement terminal pole and 2no. stays on an existing line, approximately 20m north of the existing pole which is to be replaced, as part of alterations to the electrical network within Ingram.

Whilst the proposed pole and stays would appear as new features within the landscape as these are replacing existing structures of a similar appearance some 20m away along an existing electrical line the visual impact upon the surrounding area would be limited. As such, it is recommended that 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



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	Signature	Date
Planning Officer		
Head of Development Management or Chief Executive		