



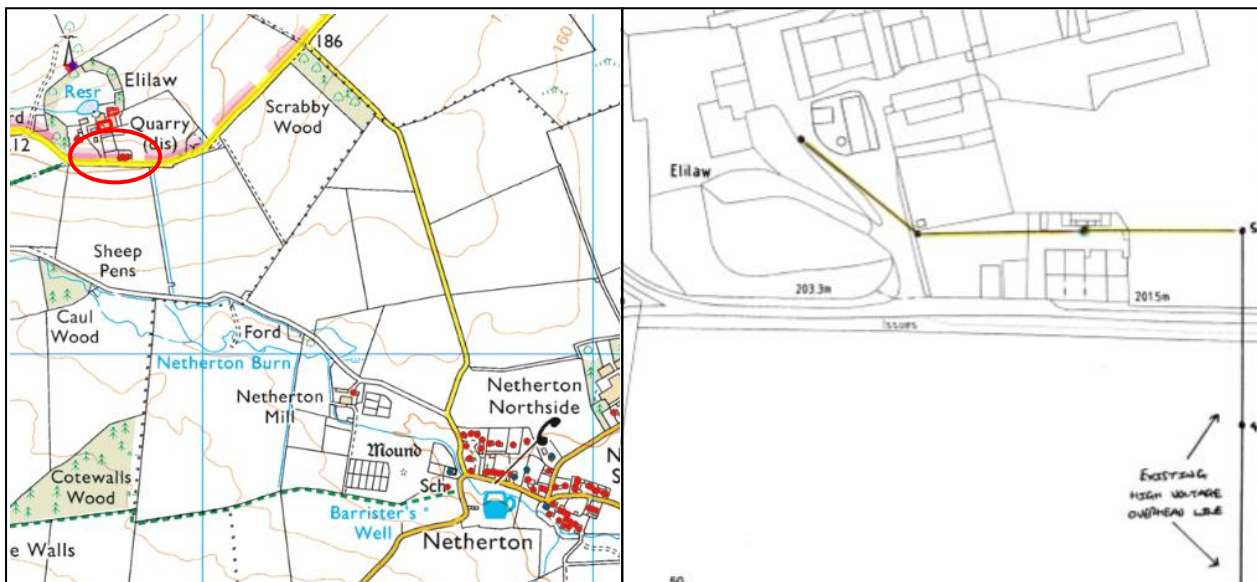
## DELEGATED DECISION REPORT

<b>Application Reference Number</b>	20NP0086EL
<b>Description / Site Address</b>	Replacement of 1 no. wooden pole and the renewal of 3 spans of Open Wire Conductor with new Aerial Bundled Conductor at Elilaw, Thropton, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 7HN
<b>Last date for decision</b>	15 December 2020

### Details of Proposal

Northumberland National Park Authority has been consulted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Overhead lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 for the:

- Replacement of a wood pole;
- Renewal of 3 spans of existing Open Wire Conductor with new Aerial Bundled Conductor (ABC) at Elilaw.



**Figure 1: Site Location**

The proposed works are located at Elilaw, close to the boundary with the National Park. The information submitted indicates that the works are required in order to improve the reliability of the electricity supply in the local area and to bring the current electrical network in line with Health & Safety Regulations

### Planning Policy & Guidance

### National Policies



National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2019)

National Planning Practice Guidance

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

Electricity Act 1989

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

**Northumberland National Park Local Plan**

Policy ST1 *Sustainable Development*

Policy ST2 *General Development Principles*

Policy DM11 *Landscape, Tranquillity and Dark Night Skies*

Policy DM14 *Historic Landscape Assets and Built Heritage*

**Supplementary Planning Guidance**

NNPA Building Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (Design Guide SPD)

NNPA Landscape Supplementary Planning Document (Landscape SPD)

**Relevant Planning History**

None

**Consultation/Representations**

None undertaken

**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;*

*(f) any other development carried out in, on, over or under the operational land of the undertaking.*



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.**

The Local Planning Authority has been consulted under the Electricity Act 1989 and the Overhead lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 in relation to the replacement of an existing wood pole and the renewal of 3 spans of existing Open Wire Conductor with new Aerial Bundled Conductor (ABC).

The proposals will not result in any new development but rather the renewal of the existing supply. It is not considered that the replacement of an existing pole with a new pole will have any material impact on local landscape character or visual amenity. The replacement of the open wire conductor with a new aerial bundled conductor will result in a reduction of visual clutter and have a minor positive impact on landscape character / visual amenity. While a number of Listed Buildings are located within proximity of the proposals (although not directly impacted) it is not considered that there would be any detrimental impact on their setting. The proposals are therefore considered to accord with the requirements of Local Plan policies ST1, ST2, DM11 and DM14

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the following representation is 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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	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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