

North York Moors National Park Authority

Delegated decision report

Application reference number: NYM/2022/0317

Development description: proposed section of 11 kV overhead line with associated poles together with a section of underground cable

Site address: land south of Village Hall, Beacon Way, Sneaton

Parish: Sneaton

Case officer: Mr A Muir

Applicant: Northern Powergrid

fao: Andrea McKinnell , Alix House, Falcon Court, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3TU

Agent:

Director of Planning's Recommendation

No Objection

Consultation responses

Parish

No objections

Third party responses

None received

Publicity expiry

Site notice expiry date 27 May 2022



View west showing east west line to be recovered



View south showing existing east west line that new overhead line is to connect to and the field boundary which it is to follow

Background

This application is for relocation of 11kV overhead line south of Sneaton village.

The application includes two elements, the recovery of an existing line running in an east/west direction on single timber poles in the field to the immediate south of Sneaton village hall; the second element is to construct a new overhead line running north south along the western boundary of the field to the immediate south of Sneaton village hall. The new overhead line will terminate at the northern end of the field boundary and will proceed north underground to the rear of the row of properties before heading east across the field to the access track east of Stainton House.

The proposal seeks to remove one existing pole from the recovered line and introduce five new poles in the north south section.

The proposal is to safeguard the security of supplies in the area and improve the efficiency and reliability of the network. Northern Powergrid proposes to relocate the 11kV line further away from the main road and introduce a section of underground line to reduce visual impact of their apparatus on the village.

Main issues

Local Plan

The most relevant policy concerned with the notification is Strategic Policy A (Achieving National Park Purposes and Sustainable Development) and Strategic Policy B (Spatial Strategy) of the Local Plan.

SPA seeks to further the National Park purposes and duties by encouraging a more sustainable future for the Park and its communities whilst conserving and enhancing the Park's special qualities. SPA is keen to provide development in locations that is of a scale which will support the function and vitality of communities.

SPB states that the overarching strategy to meet the needs of people in the National Park, amongst other things, is based upon improving the sustainability of local communities by providing facilities and services for the immediate locality only.

The main issue is whether the power line in the new position has a severe or widespread adverse impact on the environment.

It is considered that the current electrical apparatus is fairly harmful on the village and on nearby property. Relocating it will help but it will still be present and visible although less so by virtue of the fact that the apparatus will be positioned further away from the road so not as readily visible and the single wooden poles and line will reduce clutter within the village.

The proposed replacement transmission lines would not have a severe or widespread adverse impact on the environment. The proposal is in accordance with above mentioned policies and with all items considered, on balance it is recommended that no objection be raised.

Contribution to Management Plan objectives

Approval is considered likely to help meet Policy E3 which seeks to ensure new development will not have a detrimental impact on the landscape.

Explanation of how the Authority has worked positively with the applicant/agent

The Authority's Officers have appraised the scheme against the Development Plan and other material considerations and confirm that the development is likely to maintain the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area.