

Code No. and Date Received	Name and Address of Applicant	Description and Location of Proposed Development
16/1057/NOTEL 05.12.2016	Western Power Distribution Dyffryn Bach Terrace Church Village Pontypridd CF38 1BN	Erect 33kv overhead line approximately 2,280 metres in length supported by wooden H poles Land Adjacent To Pen Bryn Oer Wind Farm Rhymney Tredegar

APPLICATION TYPE: Electricity Line Notification

SITE AND DEVELOPMENT

Location: The site lies to the north of Rhymney and to the south of Llechryd.

Site description: The site comprises common/agricultural land.

Development: An application has been made to the Secretary of State for Energy for consent under the Electricity Act 1989 to route 2150m of 33kV overhead cables from the approved wind farm site at Pen Bryn Oer, which is a point north of Upper Ras Bryn Oer Farm in a westerly direction. The cables will be supported by 29 wooden H poles.

Dimensions: 2300m in length, including a 100m section of buried cable immediately to the south of Butetown.

Materials: Wooden H poles.

Ancillary development, e.g. parking: Potential deviation of 25m either side of the line shown on the submitted plan.

PLANNING HISTORY 2005 TO PRESENT

12/0039/FULL - Erect a temporary 50m high anemometry mast for 24 months to monitor and collect wind speed and wind direction data on a site - Granted - 08.06.2012.

13/0483/FULL - Install three wind turbines and construct associated infrastructure on land used for grazing, the maximum height to blade tip of each turbine will be 110m above existing ground level and infrastructure associated with the wind turbines including on-site access tracks, lay-bys and turning areas, with ditch culverts where required, permanent crane hardstanding areas and external switchgear buildings for each turbine, a substation, underground on-site electrical cabling and the creation of a temporary construction compound and laydown area - Refused - 10.04.2014.

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15/1114/COND - Discharge Condition 18 (Traffic Management Plan) and Condition 23 (Construction Method Statement) of planning consent 13/0483/FULL - Decide - 05.01.2016.

15/1084/COND - Discharge Condition 7b (noise compliance), Condition 8 (maximum height and position), Condition 10 (external appearance), Condition 14 (siting, external finishes), Condition 21 (shadow flicker), Condition 24 (electro-magnetic interference) of previous consent 13/0483/FULL approved on appeal - Decide - 07.01.2016.

16/0581/NOTEL - Erect 33kv overhead line approximately 2,150 metres in supported by wooden poles H poles in the parish of Rhymney as shown by a solid red line. Objection Raised 04.08.2016.

POLICY

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Site Allocation: The site is outside settlement boundaries identified in the adopted LDP.

Policies: Policy SP6 (Place Making), CW2 (Amenity), CW4 (Natural Heritage Protection), CW6 (Trees, Woodland and Hedgerow Protection), CW15 Locational Constraints, NH1.1 (Special Landscape Area - Upper Rhymney Valley), LE3.1 (Protection of Country Parks - Parc Bryn Bach Rhymney/Tredeggar), TM1.1 (Tourism Proposals - Parc Bryn Bach, Rhymney/Tredeggar).

The following LDP policies are relevant; CW15 Locational Constraints, CW2 Amenity, MN1.2 Mineral site buffer zone, MN2.6 Coal safeguarding area, NH1.3 Special Landscape Area, SP8 and CW22 Sandstone safeguarding.

NATIONAL POLICY Planning Policy Wales Ed 8 January 2016. Technical Advice Note 8: Planning for Renewable Energy, July 2005.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Did the application have to be screened for an EIA? No.

Was an EIA required? Not Applicable.

COAL MINING LEGACY

Is the site within an area where there are mining legacy issues? Not applicable.

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CONSULTATION

National Grid - No objection.

Countryside And Landscape Services - No objection.

Head Of Public Protection - No objection. Provides advice to the developer.

Glam/Gwent Archaeological Trust - No objection.

Senior Engineer (Land Drainage) - No objection.

ADVERTISEMENT

Extent of advertisement: Two neighbouring properties were consulted by way of letter and a site notice was displayed near the application site.

Response: No response.

Summary of observations: Not applicable.

SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT

What is the likely effect of the determination of this application on the need for the Local Planning Authority to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area? Crime and disorder are not considered to be an issue for this application.

EU HABITATS DIRECTIVE

Does the development affect any protected wildlife species? No.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Is this development Community Infrastructure Levy liable? No. The development does not involve the creation of new floorspace.

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ANALYSIS

Policies: No objection was raised to a previous Notification for the proposed overhead power lines (16/0827/NOTEL). Further to this notification it has come to light that the previously submitted route of the power cables needs to be diverted due to the Local Authority protecting an area of land for the future expansion of the Rhymney Cemetery. Therefore a new notification has been submitted for the amended line, which includes a buried section of cabling along the southern boundary of Butetown.

The proposed development has been considered in the context of national and local policy. The proposal is consistent with Local Development Plan policy CW15, Criterion C (iv) in that it is to provide infrastructure that cannot reasonably be located elsewhere. Furthermore, based on information submitted by the applicant to justify the requirement for a new line, i.e. the existing infrastructure is incapable of accommodating the new power line, no objection is raised by the Landscape Architect.

Comments from Consultees: The Councils Landscape Architect raises no objection on landscape grounds.

The Senior Engineer (Land Drainage) raises no objection.

GGAT raises no objection based on submitted details.

The Head of Public Protection raises no objection subject to advice to the developer.

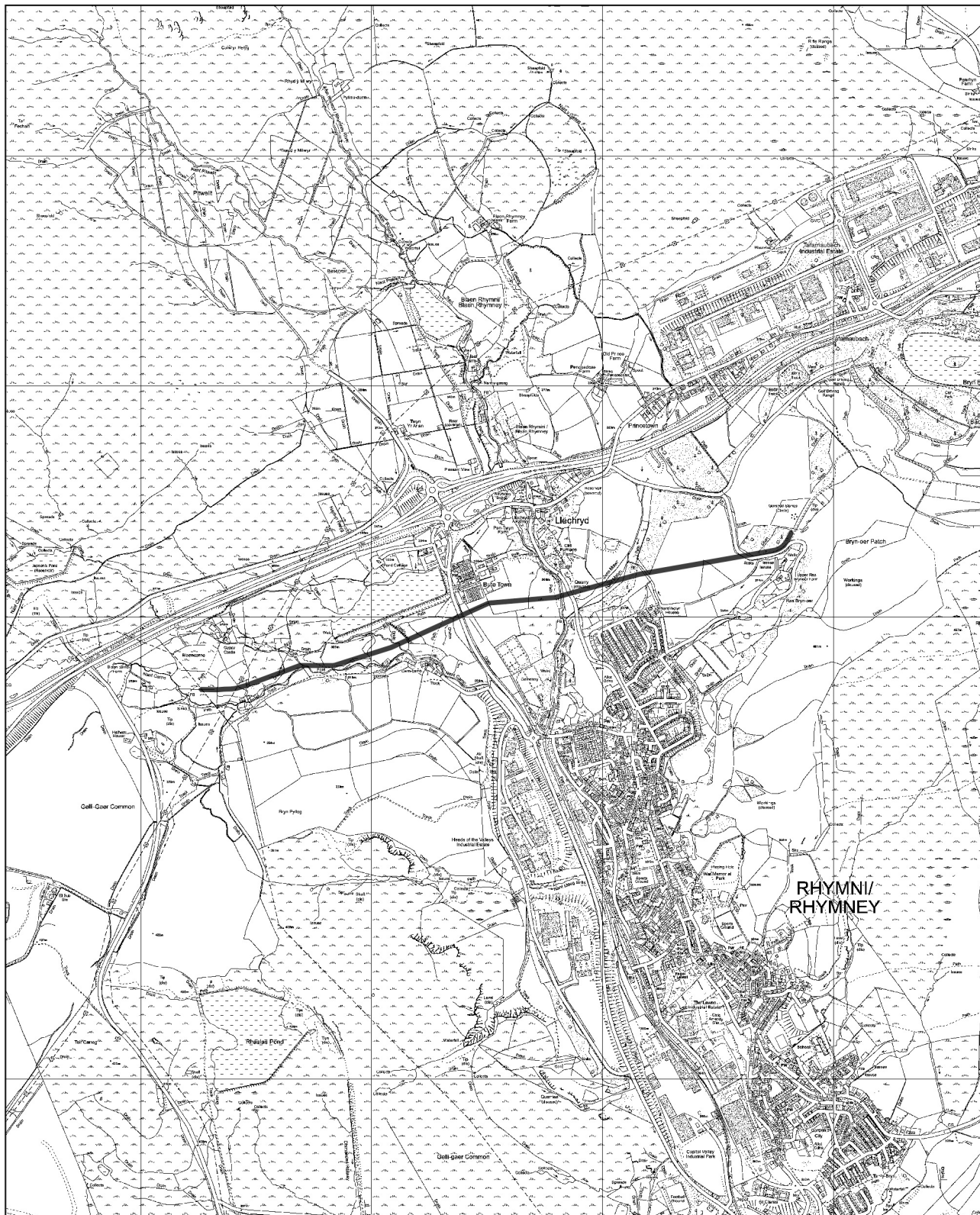
Comments from public: None.

Other material considerations: None.

RECOMMENDATION: No objections are raised to the proposed power line.

Advisory Note(s)

Please find attached the comments of Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust and Head of Public Protection that are brought to the applicant's attention.



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