

The Secretary
Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc
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Dear Sir

Our Reference: 01.08.10.05/2146C/
12.04.09.05/243C

Date:

OVERHEAD LINES
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to write to you with reference to the applications whose reference numbers are given above, relating to the replacement and repositioning of a steel lattice tower supporting an existing 132kV overhead electricity line on land at the rear of Butterslade Grove, Ynysforgan, Swansea ("the Development"), for consent under section 37(1) of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the 1989 Act"), and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("the 1990 Act") that planning permission be deemed to be granted, in respect of the Development.

As you will be aware, the application was the subject of a public inquiry, held on 8 -11 March 2011 and conducted by Mr Alwyn B. Nixon BSc (Hons) MRTPI, an Inspector of the Planning Inspectorate, and Eur Ing Tim Wickes BSc (Hons) MSc CEng FEI FIET, an Inspector of the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

The Secretary of State has carefully considered the Inspectors' report (of which a copy is attached), all the matters set out in that report, and all other relevant matters. As a result, he has decided to accept the Inspectors' conclusions and recommendations as set out in paragraphs 329 to 341 of the report and to grant consent under section 37(1) of the 1989 Act and a direction under section 90(2) of the 1990 Act, for the reasons given by the inspectors in paragraphs 251 to 328 of their report (in so far as those paragraphs refer to the applications for section 37 consent and deemed planning permission), all of which he adopts in their entirety.

Pursuant to section 37(3) of the 1989 Act section 37 consent is given in respect of the Development subject to the following conditions:

1. The installation for the overhead line to which this consent relates shall be begun not later than the expiration of five years beginning with the date hereof.

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2. The line shall be installed in accordance with the following drawings: MNS 0056, submitted with the application; RSK Group PLC drawing P41387\GSI01\Pylon Comparison; LSTC drawing number 03/10269/09 Rev B.

3. The Secretary of State may review this consent at any time after a period of five years from the date hereof, and upon such review, after giving all persons concerned an opportunity of being heard, he may vary or revoke his consent.

4. If the Secretary of State revokes this consent the lines shall be removed within such period as the Secretary of State may direct.

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("the 1990 Act") the Secretary of State hereby directs that planning permission for the Development shall be deemed to be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The Development to which this permission relates shall be begun not later than the expiration of five years beginning with the date hereof.

Reason: In accordance with the standard time period for implementation of planning permission in Wales.

2. Development shall not commence until a Landscaping and Mitigation Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The Plan shall include the following details:
 - i) Clearance footprint plan;
 - ii) Measures to protect existing retained trees;
 - iii) Reptile survey and appropriate mitigation;
 - iv) Schedule of replacement trees and other mitigation planting, including numbers, size and specification of specimens and methods of planting and protection;
 - v) Nesting birds protection;
 - vi) Ecology protection.

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details. The approved replacement and other mitigation planting shall be carried out during the first planting season following the substantial completion of the works. Any specimens which die, become seriously damaged or diseased within 2 years of planting shall be replaced by trees or shrubs of a similar size and species to those originally required to be planted.

Reason: To ensure proper landscaping of the Development and mitigation of adverse impacts on visual amenity.

3. Development shall not commence until a Construction Method and Restoration Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The Plan shall cover the following matters:
 - i) The steps and the procedures that will be implemented to minimise the creation and impact of noise, vibration, dust and waste disposal resulting from the site preparation, groundwork and construction phases of the development, including details of working hours. It shall

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include the details of measures to be employed to prevent the egress of mud, water and other detritus onto the public highway. It shall also include details of any temporary site compound required during the construction of the development;

ii) Details of site restoration measures, including a timetable for their implementation;

iii) A schedule of all landscaping mitigation works, including a timetable for their implementation and details of provisions for replacement of any plants which become diseased, seriously damaged or die before becoming established.

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved Plan.

Reason: To ensure that satisfactory measures are in force so as to alleviate the impacts of construction on the local environment.

4. The company shall dismantle and remove from the site any redundant lines and apparatus within six months from the date of commissioning the lines.

Reason: To restore the land as far as practicable to its condition before the redundant lines and apparatus were installed.

PLANNING AUTHORITY REFERENCE: Form B signed on 20 May 2009

APPLICANT COMPANY: Western Power Distribution (South Wales) plc

DATE AND REFERENCE OF APPLICATION: 17 March 2009 SWR/1392

PARTICULARS OF OVERHEAD LINES:

Situated in the Parish of Ynysforgan

Route as indicated on drawing number MNS 0056.

Voltage 132,000

Yours faithfully

Authorised by the Secretary of State