

APPLICATION NUMBER: 25/1071

PROPOSAL: INSTALLATION OF AN UNDERGROUND CABLE CONNECTION FROM 132KV SUBSTATION TO A DATA CENTRE

SITE: Land Adjacent To Electric Substation Celtic Way Celtic Lakes Newport

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal by rps para 5.1.7 states that 'A detailed Biodiversity Strategy or 'Landscape and Ecological Management Plan' would be secured through a condition of successful planning consent'.

The steer for a LEMP is included within the PEA para 5.2 Outline Biodiversity Strategy. This would also compensate for tree and scrub losses identified in para 5.11 of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment by rps and would meet the need for a soft landscape scheme to meet LDP GP5 vi 'the proposal includes an appropriate landscape scheme which enhances the site and the wider context including green infrastructure and biodiversity networks'.

I have no issue with a soft landscape plan being conditioned as part of a wider LEMP but would recommend input from a landscape professional in order to assess whether tree/scrub removal could open up poor views (I have highlighted a potential example below) and therefore whether replacement screen planting is required.

