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## Application for Hedgerow Removal Notice

### The Environment Act 1995; The Hedgerows Regulations 1997

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

#### Site Details

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Land to the South of Celtic Lakes, Imperial Park, Newport

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Town/city

Newport

Postcode

NP10 8SJ

#### Description of site location (must be completed if postcode is not known)

Easting (x)

329073

Northing (y)

183236

Description

The proposed cable route and associated works (temporary works) extends from a location adjacent to the substation site at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) ST 28414 83970 in the northern extent of the site, to a southern mid-point at OSGR ST 29409 82733.

#### Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Yvonne

Surname

Howells

Company Name

National Grid

Address

Address line 1

Mill Brook Drive

Address line 2

Central Business Park

Address line 3

Town/City

Swansea Vale

Country

Swansea

Postcode

SA7 0AB

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

\*\*\*\*\* REDACTED \*\*\*\*\*

Secondary number

Email address

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Agent Details

## Agent Details

### Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

### Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

Country

Postcode

### Contact Details

Primary number

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## Hedgerow Removal Notice

Please state the reasons for the proposed removal of hedgerow(s)

Temporary removal of hedgerows at 5 locations is required to facilitate the installation of 4No. 132kV underground cable circuits.

Newport County Council received planning permission (ref: 23/0878) for the proposed construction of an electricity substation compound (132/33/11Kv) and associated infrastructure, located at Celtic Lakes, southeast of the existing Imperial business Park. Following consultation, the application was granted with conditions on February 7, 2024.

National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) are required to connect the approved Celtic Lakes NGED substation to the existing distribution network. Primary works required to deliver this connection include the installation of four 132kV underground cable circuits, approximately 2km in length between the new terminal towers and the Bulk Supply Point Celtic Lakes substation. These works are to be completed using NGED's Permitted Development rights and commence in September 2025. The programme duration is 12 months.

Temporary removal of hedgerows is required to facilitate temporary access and cable laydown areas at the site (as detailed below). The width described in brackets below includes the footprint of existing access through hedgerows which has been used wherever possible to minimise impacts to hedgerows onsite (reed 'hedgerows' have been included within this as a boundary feature along reens/field ditches present within the Gwent Levels on a precautionary basis). Following completion of the works temporary access including trackmatting will be removed from the site and vegetation will be allowed to regenerate naturally.

Location 1 (Grid Reference: ST 29499 82830) - Installation of a bailey bridge to facilitate access across Sunny Sealand Link reen (6m wide bridge), additional cable laydown area (3m wide) required to the south of the bridge installation. 9m length of hedgerow removal (comprising common reed) required on each side of the reen - 18m total length.

Location 2 (Grid Reference: ST 29386 82774) - Clearance to facilitate the temporary cable laydown area (6m wide). 6m length of hedgerow clearance (comprising common reed) on either side of the field ditch - 12m total length.

Location 3 (Grid Reference: ST 29343 82867) - Clearance to facilitate the temporary cable laydown area (6m wide). 6m length of hedgerow clearance (comprising common reed) on either side of the field ditch - 12m total length.

Location 4 (Grid Reference: ST 29267 83106) - Widening of the existing access gateway, including installation of a bailey bridge (6m wide). Total 5m length of hedgerow to be cleared on one side of the existing access gateway (comprising common reed, hairy willowherb and mixed blackthorn scrub).

Location 5 (Grid Reference: ST 29257 83171) - Widen existing access gateway (4m wide access road required). Total 5m length of hedgerow to be cleared on one side of the existing access gateway comprising scrub (willow, bramble and rose species).

Please state the reference number of the plan(s) showing the stretch(es) of hedgerow(s) to be removed

Location 1 (Grid Reference: ST 29499 82830) - Loc\_1 240658\_VEGETATION\_CLEARANCE\_1  
Location 2 (Grid Reference: ST 29386 82774) - Loc\_2 240658\_VEGETATION\_CLEARANCE\_2  
Location 3 (Grid Reference: ST 29343 82867) - Loc\_3 240658\_VEGETATION\_CLEARANCE\_3  
Location 4 (Grid Reference: ST 29267 83106) - Loc\_4 240658\_VEGETATION\_CLEARANCE\_4  
Location 5 (Grid Reference: ST 29257 83171) - Loc\_5 240658\_VEGETATION\_CLEARANCE\_5

Please confirm the length of the hedgerows to be removed

Length

52.00

metres

Is the hedgerow to be removed less than 30 years old?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

What best describes your circumstances?

- ☐ I am/we are the owner(s) of the freehold of the land concerned  
☐ I am/we are the tenant(s) of agricultural holding concerned  
☐ I am/we are the tenant(s) under the farm business tenancy concerned  
☒ I am/act for the utility operator concerned

## Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

- ☐ The agent  
☒ The applicant  
☐ Other person

## Pre-application Advice

Has pre-application advice been sought from the local planning authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

**If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):**

Officer name:

Title

First Name

Surname

Reference

Date (must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received

Landscape officer response (Gill Mackley CMLI Mackley Davies Associates Ltd for Streetscene and City Services November 2024)

From a landscape point of view as the proposal is underground the key area of landscape impact is likely to relate to:

- the removal of vegetation
- visual disturbance during the construction phase until establishment of new vegetation cover
- mitigation and enhancement planting appropriate to the local landscape character of this part of the Wentlooge Special Landscape Area

Principal Heritage officer response (Laura Smith, Newport City Council) - I have no objections to this EIA Screening. I would not consider there to be any heritage impact.

## Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Hedgerow removal notice as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be made available as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Chelsea Edwards

Date

24/07/2025