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To: DevelopmentmanagementNorth

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Subject: RE: Application No: 13/01615/REM - Ridgeway Farm, Common Platt, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, SN5 4JT

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding the proposed development reference Planning Application number 13/01615/REM

The land subject to the above Planning Application is typical of a number of recent sites across Southern England where insufficient discussion has taken place between planning authorities and ourselves prior to planning permission being granted. I attach a copy of a letter sent to all chief planning officers in our licence area in March 2012 which summarises the situation.

The land concerned is crossed by two 33,000volt overhead lines and two 132,000volt overhead lines which form an essential and integral part of Southern Electric Power Distribution's wider network and as such must be retained.

These structures should be treated as permanent features, any development beneath the overhead lines or diversion / undergrounding of the overhead lines may not be possible, in which case the development as planned may be unable to proceed.

No contractual arrangements have been agreed with the developer for modification of the above circuit/s. Therefore, any conditions imposed, should permission be granted, must be on the developer and not the Distribution Network Operator as is the case for other existing infrastructure.

To ensure that the proposal is deliverable, you may consider it best to impose a requirement on the developer to agree contractual arrangements with Southern Electric Power Distribution for any modifications prior to permission being granted.

Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE) recently had a condition included by a Government Planning Inspector to a planning permission granted following an appeal and we request that a similar such condition to that detailed below in blue text be included to any planning permission granted for this particular application and for any application, where overhead lines cross the proposed development area.

Prior to the commencement of any part of the development hereby permitted, the overhead lines shall be re-routed and placed underground between point A and B on the plan, which accompanied SSEPD's letter submitted with the application, and in accordance with further details to be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. In addition, no development shall commence until a contractual agreement or signed undertaking has been entered into between the applicant and Scottish and Southern Energy in respect of the re-routing of overhead lines. The proposed works shall be completed in full accordance with the agreed details.

We would consider the granting of planning permission without further discussion and agreement as to how our equipment can be accommodated within the proposal to be unacceptable.