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Dear Sir,

Drayton 2020 Neighbourhood Plan - Statutory Consultation

Thank you for your eMail message dated 10 January 2014 regarding the above topic.

At this stage, I can only provide general guidance on the provision of electricity infrastructure and the treatment of any existing infrastructure in relation to future development.

Connections for new developments from existing infrastructure can be provided subject to cost and time-scale.

Where existing infrastructure is inadequate to support the increased demands from the new development, the costs of any necessary upstream reinforcement required would normally be apportioned between developer and DNO (Distribution Network Operator) in accordance with the current Statement of Charging Methodology agreed with the industry regulator (OFGEM). Maximum time-scales in these instances would not normally exceed around 2 years and should not therefore impede delivery of any proposed housing development.

Where overhead lines cross development site, these will, with the exception of 400 kV tower lines, normally be owned and operated by SSE Power Distribution (SSEPD).

In order to minimise costs, wherever possible, existing overhead lines can remain in place with uses such as open space, parking, garages or public highways generally being permitted in proximity to the overhead lines. Where this is not practicable, or where developers choose to lay out their proposals otherwise, then agreement will be needed as to how these will be dealt with, including agreeing costs and identifying suitable alternative routing for the circuits. The existing customer base should not be burdened by any costs arising from new development proposals.

To ensure certainty of delivery of a development site, any anticipated relocation of existing overhead lines should be formally agreed with SSEPD, prior to submission of a planning application.

Conclusion

It is anticipated **at today** that there may be sufficient capacity available to be able to supply Sites 1 to 8 from our **Winsmore Lane 33/11kV** primary substation and the existing hv distribution network, but may be subject to off-site reinforcement works to the existing hv distribution network.

I trust the above is helpful to you at this current stage of your deliberations and can be included in the proposed Drayton2020 Neighbourhood Plan, but you can contact me directly on the above telephone number should you require any further advice, particularly relating to specific sites.

Yours faithfully,

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