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For the attention of :- PARISH CLERK

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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.

The housing and development land areas detailed in the above document are 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 various 132,000 volt (132kV) overhead tower line (OTL) (solid black with purple squares), 33,000 volt (ehv) overhead lines (solid green) and 11,000 volt (hv) overhead lines (solid red), as detailed in the table below, which form an essential and integral part of Southern Electric Power Distribution's wider network and as such must be retained.

Please **note** that in the case of any 132 kV OTL, this is an extremely important link in our transmission system. Modifying a line such as this is a major undertaking, which should be avoided if possible. Consequently, our advice to developers carrying out feasibility studies on land crossed by such OTLs, is that these should be regarded as permanent physical features. The layout of any development should, therefore, be designed to allow the OTL to remain undisturbed, in the present position, if at all possible.

For your information and assistance, underground cables are indicated by a dashed line, with red for hv and green for ehv.

Location	132kV	ehv	hv
Site 1	0	2 *	0
Site 2	0	0	0
Site 3	0	0	2
Site 4	0	0	0
Site 5	1	0	0
Site 6	0	0	0
Site 7	0	0	0
Site 8	0	0	0

* = Dual Circuit (i.e. each individual circuit = 1)

Development beneath the overhead lines or diversion / undergrounding of the overhead lines may not be possible, in which case the development as planned would be unable to proceed.

No contractual arrangements have been agreed with any 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.

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.

For your information and assistance, I have attached a copy of our Mains Records showing the equipment affected for each of the above locations detailed in the above table.

Clearly, the above principles would apply to any development area, which is crossed by ehv and/or hv overhead lines.

Yours faithfully,

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