

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Hereford Enterprise Zone – granting of necessary easements to Power Distribution for cable and access rights at Plot N24, North Magazine, Rotherwas.
Date of decision:	6 June 2022
Decision maker:	Strategic Assets Delivery Director
Authority for delegated decision:	The Economy and Environment Directorate’s scheme of delegation dated 23.12.2022 (line 56) gives the Acting Head of Property the authority to make the decision.
Ward:	Dinedor Hill
Consultation:	None. This is not a new service
Decision made:	To grant necessary easements to Western Power Distribution (WPD) for cable and access rights to a new electricity ring main unit (RMU) at Plot N24, North Magazine, Rotherwas.
Reasons for decision:	<p>Plot N24 was sold to NMITE in May 2021 in order to build their new specialist facilities to link students to businesses. As part of this sale it was agreed that the HEZ would arrange for a power supply to the site. Approval for works which included the new RMU on Plot N24 was given by the Director for Economy and Place on 1 March 2021.</p> <p>As this is an RMU with a transformer for a single user then WPD do not require a land transfer but do need, as always , rights of access to allow them to maintain and repair the equipment before they energise that equipment and hence the site. Now that installation work has been completed, the relevant easements need to be progressed.</p> <p>The Council will be providing rights of access to WPD on its land to the cables which run in a utility trench under the walkway at the back of the Shell Store. The Council will also be providing rights of access to WPD along the private roads it owns linking up the site to the public highway.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>Construction of the new NMITE building is nearing completion and their main contractor will need to begin commissioning systems in early June which requires a power supply. Not authorising this would mean that WPD will not be able to switch on the substation and provide electricity to the development and could delay the completion and opening of the new building, adding considerable potential project cost to NMITE.</p> <p>The Council’s legal team will be progressing the legal agreement.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

I am an officer delegated to make the decision

Signed:

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