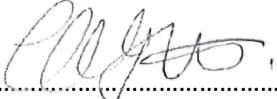


Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Permission for the installation of new electricity cables and associated access at land owned by Herefordshire Council at Rotherwas
Date of decision:	1 st February 2024
Decision maker:	Strategic Assets Delivery Director
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services Directorate's scheme of delegation dated August 2023 (line 37) gives the Strategic Assets Delivery Director the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Dinedor Hill
Consultation:	Hereford Enterprise Zone who have no objections.
Decision made:	To approve agreements with National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) and other relevant third parties to allow the installation and maintenance of new underground electricity cables at Rotherwas.
Reasons for decision:	<p>NGED are investing in a significant new underground electricity connection at Rotherwas between the two Welsh Water plants .The Greenway cycleway is by far the best route for these new cables. The vast majority of the route is owned by Herefordshire Council and NGED are seeking the necessary permissions to install and then maintain the new cables.</p> <p>There is a small portion of the route which is owned by a third party and leased by Herefordshire Council. NGED are seeking permissions with the land owner, but permission is also needed from Herefordshire Council as the tenant.</p> <p>The new works will lead to some freeing up capacity at NGED's Hereford South area which will be good news as the business community continues to grow at Rotherwas</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	This is a necessary legal step as part of overall permissions for installation and maintenance. The Council's legal team will progress the necessary formal arrangements. The Council's legal team's costs will be met by NGED. We will also ensure that the agreements contain suitable safeguards to ensure we have sight and comment on the works programme and that reinstatement works are completed to the correct specification and to our satisfaction.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None – not approving this will prevent the improvement works occurring and will cause issues with a significant local utility provider.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed.......... Date: 1st February

Sarah Jowett; Strategic Assets Delivery Director