

### Record of operational decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Decision to transfer land to National Grid for a new substation to be located adjacent to Halo leisure pool and the council's Pay & Display car park at St Martin's, Hereford
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Commercial and Investment Manager
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated April 2025 (lines 34 &35) gives the Commercial and Investment Manager the authority to take the decision
<b>Ward:</b>	Hinton & Hunderton
<b>Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halo</li> <li>• Legal services</li> </ul>
<b>Decision made:</b>	Decision to transfer land to National Grid for a new substation to be located adjacent to Halo leisure pool and the council's Pay & Display car park at St Martin's, Hereford
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new substation is necessary to supply the voltage requirements of new high speed car charging points in the public car park, that are already installed.</li> <li>• The new substation will be located on land currently subject to a head lease of 70 years to Halo.</li> <li>• Wherever possible Herefordshire Council will transfer the freehold of substation sites to NG.</li> <li>• The legal process requires the land to first be taken out of the Halo lease, then the freehold can be transferred to NG.</li> <li>• There is a separate decision for NG to surrender the old sub-station lease and the cleared vacant site will then be reabsorbed into the Halo lease area,</li> </ul>
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	No impact
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each party to pay their own legal fees in the matter</li> </ul>
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	It was not practicable to locate the new substation on the existing site due to the need for continuity of supply and the impact on Halo's building.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed..... Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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