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Our Reference: NW_TW_Z3_2F_00395
Your Reference: 3/2012/0219P

Dear Louise

Ref: Proposed demolition of existing building and the erection for a replacement 1,265sqm(13,618sq ft) water extraction bottling and storage facility including ancillary offices, welfare facilities and the construction of a new access, vehicle parking and all associated engineering works at Altham Pumping Station, Burnley Road, Simonstone, Lancashire. BB12 7NL

National Grid wish to submit a holding objection to proposals above:

On the grounds stated below:

Safety concerns regarding this application. National Grid has Overhead Line within this development area – 4ZP Route (Lower Darwin Tee – Padiham)

- *Technical Specification EN-43-8 for "Overhead Line Clearances" Issue 3 (2004), you need to be sure that any existing clearances are not infringed. The proposed buildings can not be closer than 5.3m to the nearest (lowest) conductor.*
- *Safety clearances of our Overhead lines cannot be infringed National Grid requires a 3D design file of the proposed buildings are to be made available to National Grid at the earliest opportunity, acceptable file formats include DWG, DGN and DXF.*
- *National Grid will require further information on the proposed developments outlined below.*
 - *Civil works around our assets*
 - *Programme start date etc.*
- *National Grid recommends that no permanent structures are built directly beneath overhead lines*

- *If any changes in ground levels are proposed either beneath or in proximity to our existing overhead lines then this would serve to reduce the available safety clearance to such overhead lines. Safe clearances to existing overhead lines must be maintained in all instances and circumstances*
- *If a landscaping scheme is proposed as part of the works, we request that only low growing and slow growing species of trees and shrubs are planted either directly beneath or immediately adjacent to the existing overhead line, as ultimately they may grow to attain heights that compromise safe statutory clearances to the conductors.*
- *A National Grid representative will be contacting you to discuss the above issues to comply with Technical Specification EN-43-8 & GS 6 "Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines".*

The relevant guidance in relation to working safely near to existing overhead lines is contained within the Health and Safety Executive's (www.hse.gov.uk) Guidance Note GS 6 "Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines" and all relevant site staff should make sure that they are both aware of and understand this guidance.

The statutory minimum safety clearance is 7.6 metres to ground and 8.1 metres to a normal road surface. Further detailed information can be obtained from the Energy Networks Association's (www.energynetworks.org.uk) Technical Specification 43-8 for "Overhead Line Clearances", Issue 3 (2004)

Plant, machinery, equipment, buildings or scaffolding should not encroach within 5.3 metres of any of our high voltage conductors when those conductors are under their worse conditions of maximum "sag" and "swing" and overhead line profile (maximum "sag" and "swing") drawings should be obtained via the National Grid's Policy Team at Warwick

Drilling or excavation works should not be undertaken if they have the potential to disturb or adversely affect the foundations or "pillars of support" of any existing tower. These foundations always extend beyond the base area of the existing tower and foundation ("pillar of support") drawings can be obtained via the Policy Team at Warwick

Flammable or explosive, (e.g. fireworks), substances or materials should not be stored near to a tower or beneath an overhead line

To view the Development Near Lines Documents. Please use the link below:
http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/LandandDevelopment/SC/devnearohl_final/

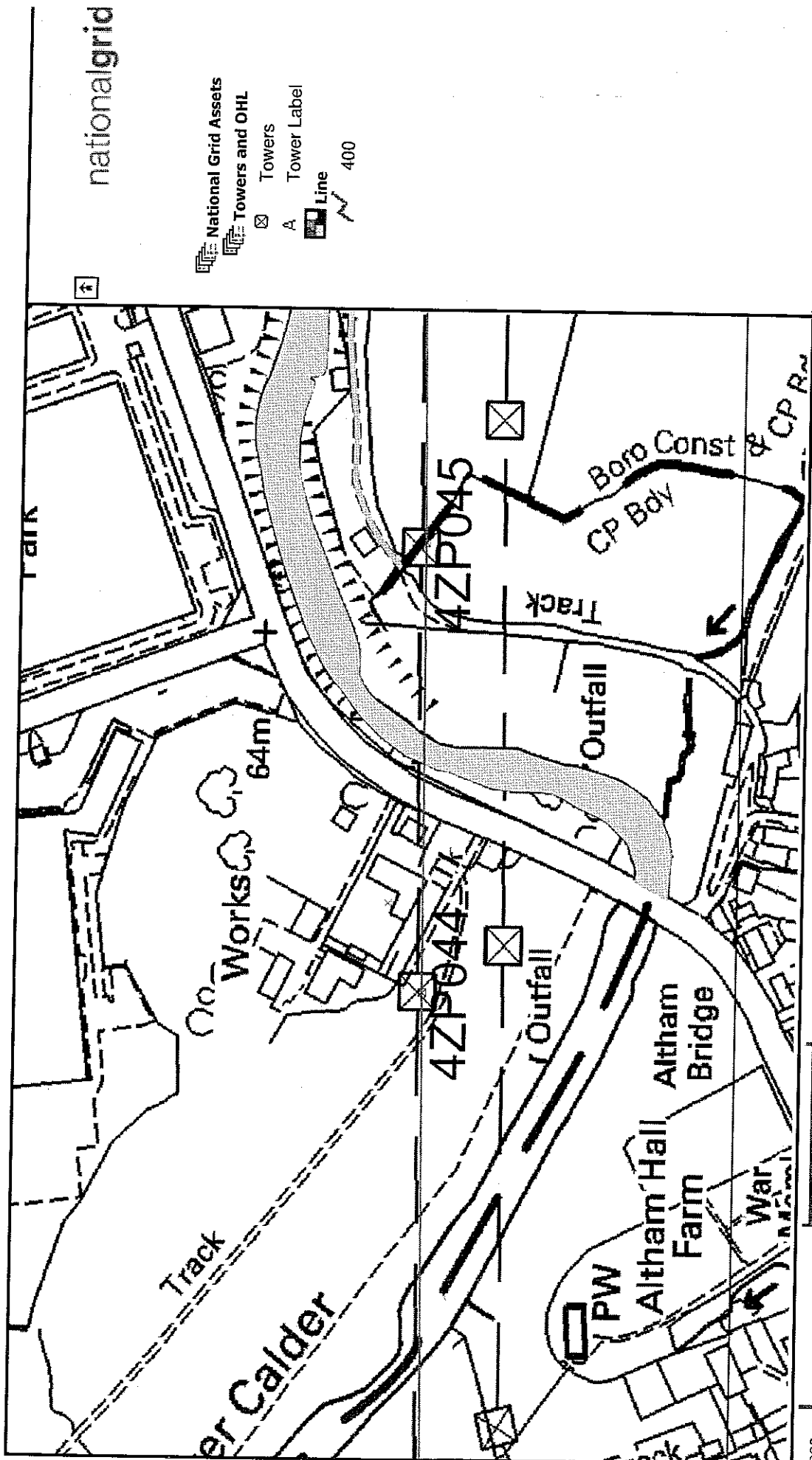
To view the National Grid Policy's for our Sense of Place Document. Please use the link below:
<http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/LandandDevelopment/DDC/>

I have enclosed a location map from our mapping system to show the National Grid Overhead Line within the vicinity of your proposal.

Yours sincerely

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