



Guidance

Form B

This Form must be used in connection with an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (ESNZ) for consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed above ground an electric line of any voltage.

This Form should be sent to each local planning authority in whose area the proposed development would be situated. The views obtained by means of this Form are then to be submitted to the Secretary of State to help inform the decision making process on the application.

The local planning authority¹ is required to sign and complete all sections of Part Two and Part Three and to return this form to the Applicant **within two months**². Please note that the Secretary of State would not progress a section 37 application in the absence of a completed Form B. Additional information describing this procedure and the reason for it can be found in the published [Guidance Note 14D/226](#).

Appendix A

If the section 37 application is for a development as referred to under [Schedule 2 of the Electricity Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2017](#) (the 2017 Regulations) (i.e. the proposal is within a sensitive area³ or the voltage is of 132kV or more), the Secretary of State will be required to make a Screening Decision before the section 37 application can be decided. To inform its decision, the Secretary of State must receive the views of the Local Planning Authority. To this effect:

- The applicant should submit to the Local Planning Authority the additional information referred to under [Regulation 12](#) of the 2017 Regulations, and
- The Local Planning Authority should provide their views by completing Appendix A⁴.

¹ Please note: if the development falls partially within a National Park, a Form B must be completed by each relevant planning authority for that area. If the proposal concerns a line of 132kV or more, the Part One, Certificate of the Form B must also be completed by the County Council.

² The relevant planning authority is obliged to make its representations to the Secretary of State on the proposal within a statutory two month period or obtain an extension to the time limit from the Secretary of State and as agreed with the Applicant as per [Regulation 8 of the Electricity \(Applications for Consent\) Regulations 1990](#).

³ The full list of sensitive areas is in legislation at <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/580/schedule/2/made>

⁴ Appendix A enables the local planning authority to give its views under [regulation 13\(3\)](#) of the 2017 Regulations.



Form B - Part One

To be completed by the Applicant

Name	Katreena Carr
Company	Electricity North West Limited (Company number 2366949)
Applicant's Reference	LRC/KC/N-3634

PARTICULARS OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Application is being made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero:

- a) for consent under section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install or keep installed an electric line above ground;
- ~~b) for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the proposed development be deemed to be granted.~~

1. Description of the proposed development⁵.

Electricity North West (ENWL) is responsible for operating and maintaining the electricity distribution network in the North West of England.

There are a number of existing LV and an HV overhead lines crossing several parcels of land at Nightfield Lane, Balderstone which are supported by wood poles. This application deals with the LV overhead lines with a separate application to be made in tandem to cover the HV lines.

A recent survey of the network has revealed that a number of wood poles in the vicinity were found to be in need of replacement due to their poor condition. There are also a number of spans of the LV overhead lines that do not currently adhere to clearance guidelines, although the LV lines have been recently replaced with an aerial bunch conductor to temporarily increase clearance. A span of the overhead line crosses an entrance to an agricultural field with pole AL2138, on the south side of Nightfield Lane, being situated immediately to the side of the gate into the field which impedes access by the landowner when using large farm machinery to cultivate their land. The removal of the pole and span removes the strike risk posed by it's close proximity to the gate entrance thereby increasing the security of local electricity supplies.

Our proposals include the permanent removal of nine existing LV poles and associated overhead lines shown green on the enclosed drawing. It is our intention to remove an HV transformer pole and three spans of LV overhead line connected to it from a locked gated residential garden, which is inaccessible to ENWL, resulting in an improvement to the visual amenity. Three new poles will be erected to support the LV lines which will follow the routes indicated by a red solid line on the drawing. Part of the overhead network will be replaced with underground cable thereby connecting the overhead network; namely at the field entrance, so that egress and ingress are not impeded, and at the rear of Roselands, Commons Lane improving the visual amenity from this residential property.

2. Details of any representations or objections which have been received by the applicant prior to the submission of this form⁶.

⁵ In this section the Applicant should include the link to the Energy Portal application which will contain the necessary information to enable the LPA to provide their views on the proposal.

⁶ In this section the Applicant should list any consultations and representations received prior to consulting the LPA. These consultations should be made available for review by the LPA on the Energy Portal.



Our proposals have been discussed and agreed with all of the affected landowners and tenants.

An ecology survey has been carried out and raised no areas of concern.

There is no requirement for Natural England Assent.

We are not aware of any objections.

3. Details of the Applicant's compliance with their duty as specified under [paragraph 1\(1\)\(a\)\(b\) of Schedule 9 to the Electricity Act 1989](#)⁷.

Our proposed work will take place in cultivated agricultural land and a residential garden. The land is not affected by any statutory wildlife or historical designations.

All of the apparatus within the residential property will be removed improving the resident's visual amenity.

Our proposals include the installation of a section of underground cable to maintain the connection to the property Roselands. This has been chosen to minimise the visual impact to the property owners.

For and on behalf of the applicant:

Date: 18/05/2026

Signed: Katreena Carr

Form B - Part Two

⁷ In this section the Applicant can indicate the sections or documents within the Energy Portal application that include the measures to comply with this requirement.



To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CERTIFICATE

The local planning authority: Ribble Valley Borough Council

have no objection to make to the development described above in Part One of this Form;

do not request that a public inquiry be held pursuant to paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the Electricity Act 1989 before the Secretary of State reaches his decision on the application.

Dated 10/07/2026

Signed: Lucy Walker

Designation: Senior Planning Officer

On behalf of the: Local Planning Authority

If the Local Planning Authority objects to the development, please provide details below:

N/A

Form B - Part Three

To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CONSULTATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

LPA Planning Reference

3/2026/0416



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1. List the names of interested parties consulted by the local planning authority and provide particulars of any comments received⁸.

N/A

2. Provide details of any objections or representations received by the local planning authority.

N/A

3. Are there any restrictions on the land that require the Applicant to obtain approval from other organisations⁹?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If yes, please provide details below:

N/A

4. Is the local planning authority's agreement to the proposal subject to modifications or conditions being applied to the consent? (If so, specify the modifications or conditions proposed and state whether they are acceptable to the Applicant).

Modifications/conditions not required

N/A

5. Does the local planning authority consider that the proposal is an [EIA development](#) and should be subject to an [Environmental Impact Assessment](#)? (Please note: if the development falls under [Schedule 2](#) of the 2017 Regulation, the Secretary of State must receive¹⁰ the local planning authority's views in order to make its EIA Screening Decision and therefore **Appendix A** must be completed.

No, the proposal is not a Schedule 2 development nor an EIA development

Date 10/07/2026

Signed: Lucy Walker

Appendix A

LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY'S VIEWS

The LPA should consider if the Applicant has submitted sufficient information to determine whether or not the proposal is an EIA development. Please note that the Applicant must take into account the relevant criteria set out in [Schedule 3](#) when compiling the required information.

⁸ Please note if the proposal falls within a [SSSI Risk Zone](#) the local planning authority should consult with the relevant statutory conservation body to seek guidance on any necessary mitigation.

⁹ e.g. consent under [Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006](#).

¹⁰ [Regulation 13](#) of the 2017 Regulations sets out the legal requirement for this consultation.



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Has the Applicant provided the following information?	
1. a description of the physical characteristics of the whole development and, where relevant, of demolition works	Yes ☒ No ☐
2. a description of the location of the development, with regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected	Yes ☒ No ☐
3. a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the development	Yes ☒ No ☐
4. a description of any likely significant effects resulting from:	
a. the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste	Yes ☒ No ☐
b. the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity	Yes ☒ No ☐

The LPA should provide their views in the comments section in the next page taking account of the below factors where relevant to the proposal and tick the relevant boxes for confirmation.

Characteristics of development		Select all relevant factors
(a)	the size and design of the whole development	☒
(b)	cumulation with other existing and approved developments;	☒
(c)	the use of natural resources, in particular land, soil, water and biodiversity;	☐
(d)	the production of waste;	☒
(e)	pollution and nuisances;	☒
(f)	the risk of major accidents and disasters that are relevant to the development, including those caused by climate change, in accordance with scientific knowledge;	☐
(g)	the risks to human health (for example, due to water contamination or air pollution).	☐
Location of development		Select all relevant factors
(a)	the existing and approved land use;	☒
(b)	the relative abundance, availability, quality and regenerative capacity of natural resources (including soil, land, water and biodiversity) in the area and its underground;	☒
(c)	the absorption capacity of the natural environment, paying particular attention to the following areas—	☐
(i)	wetlands, riparian areas and river mouths;	☐
(ii)	coastal zones and the marine environment;	☐
(iii)	mountain and forest areas;	☐
(iv)	nature reserves and parks;	☐
(v)	areas classified or protected under domestic legislation or legislation of EEA states;	☐
(vi)	European sites (as defined in regulation 8(1) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017);	☐
(vii)	areas in which there has already been a failure to meet environmental quality standards that are set out in European Union legislation and are relevant to the development, or in which it is thought that there is such a failure;	☐
(viii)	densely-populated areas;	☐
(ix)	landscapes and sites of historical, cultural or archaeological significance.	☐
Type and characteristics of potential impact		Select all relevant factors
(a)	the magnitude and spatial extent of the impact (for example, geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected);	☒
(b)	the nature of the impact;	☒
(c)	the transboundary nature of the impact;	☐
(d)	the intensity and complexity of the impact;	☒
(e)	the probability of the impact;	☐
(f)	the expected onset, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impact;	☐



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(g)	the cumulation of the impact with the impact of other existing and approved developments;	☒
(h)	the possibility of effectively reducing the impact.	☐

The LPA should provide their views below and give reasons for their conclusion as to whether the proposal is an EIA development or not.

The proposed development comprises the diversion of an existing low-voltage overhead electricity line. Works include the permanent removal of nine existing low-voltage poles and associated overhead lines, together with a high-voltage transformer pole and three spans of connected low-voltage overhead line. To facilitate the diversion, three new 10-metre poles would be erected to support the rerouted low-voltage line, and part of the existing overhead network would be replaced with underground cabling. The submitted information confirms that the new infrastructure would operate at 240/415 volts and extend for approximately 125 metres.

The existing electricity infrastructure currently passes in part through residential garden land. The proposal would remove all electricity apparatus from within the residential curtilage, resulting in an overall reduction in the presence of utility infrastructure within the residential environment.

The development does not meet the criteria for Schedule 1 development under the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017, as it would not involve an electric line with a voltage of more than 220 kilovolts or more. Similarly, the proposal does not fall within Schedule 2 development, as the electric line would not have a voltage exceeding 132 kilovolts and would not be located within a sensitive area.

Furthermore, having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed development, together with the characteristics of the receiving environment, it is considered that any environmental effects arising from the works would be relatively localised in extent and unlikely to be significant. Consequently, the Local Planning Authority do not consider to constitute EIA development

Dated 10/07/2026

Signed: Lucy Walker

Designation:

Senior Planning Officer

On behalf of the:

Local Planning Authority