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Response to Planning application from Hertfordshire County Council (T and CP GDP Order 2015)

Director of Planning

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council
The Campus
Welwyn Garden City
Hertfordshire
AL8 6AW

District ref: 6/2022/2226/FULL
HCC ref: WH/14177/2022
HCC received: 12 October 2022
Area manager: Matthew Armstrong
Case officer: Melvin Andrews

Location

20 BLACK FAN ROAD WELWYN GARDEN CITY AL7 1QA

Application type

Full Application

Proposal

Installation of a "private-wire" electricity cable between the Energy Centre, Tewin Road and Colt Technology Services Group Limited (Option 1).

Recommendation

Notice is given under article 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission.

Comments

This application should be read in conjunction with 4 concurrent planning applications proposing alternative options for a proposed cable route between the gas generation site off Tewin Road and Colt Data substation off Pollards Close. Such works are invariably by a licence (Section 50) under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, submitted to the Highway Authority. The works is anticipated to take approximately 6 months to complete.

All of the routes proposed in plans 1-4 will have an impact to the Welwyn Garden City Fire Station, this is located on Bridge Road East on the junction with Woodfield Road. The applicant and subsequent traffic management plans should take careful consideration around planning of works at the entrance to the station so that they can maintain access at all times as this will be required 24/7.

Based on the plans provided I would say that the route proposed in plans 1-4 is the more preferential as it's the most direct, whereas option 5 utilising Black Fan road has a few schools it would need to account for and could occupy the network for longer due to being a larger scope of works.

In addition I suggest that the applicant contact the NRSWA team to request the stats for each USRN as this will allow them to make an informed decision as to available space to lay the service.

Signed

Melvin Andrews

7 November 2022