



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/ukxi/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	Emma Machin
Company	South Eastern Power Networks
Applicant's Reference	100002299

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.

Installation of 3rd wire conductor to overhead network between HV poles 617607 and 617608. Replace steelwork on poles to allow for 3rd wire install. Replace single phase transformer on pole with three phase transformer, and replace fuses and earthing cable. Install an LV underground cable from pole 617608 to landowner kiosk.

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

None at present.

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.

SEPN have made considerations in their proposals to reasonably mitigate any effect which its proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or any Flora, Fauna, Features, Sites, Buildings or Objects.

As the line concerned is an existing line requiring upgrading to 3 wire, there should be no negative impact.

For and on behalf of the applicant:

Date: 19/05/2026

Signed: E. Machin

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.

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.



Form B - Part Two

To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CERTIFICATE

The local planning authority: Horsham District Council

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

do not require 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 23.06.2026

Signed: G.Everest

Designation: Applications Team Leader

On behalf of the: Local Planning Authority

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



Form B - Part Three

To be completed by the Local Planning Authority

CONSULTATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

LPA Planning Reference

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

None

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

None

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

No ☐

If yes, please provide details below:

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).

Choose an item.

No

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 EIA development.

Date 23.06.2026

Signed: G.Everest

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.