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Application for Planning Permission

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

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Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

298809

515210

Description

The proposed site is located South of Whitehaven, within a field off Low Hall Farm Lane. The site is opposite an existing gas facility (NGN operated Low Hall Farm AGI). E: 298809, N: 515210. CA28 8LW

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Project Engineer

First name

Diane

Surname

Martin

Company Name

Northern Gas Networks

Address

Address line 1

1100 Century Way

Address line 2

Thorpe Park

Address line 3

Leeds

Town/City

LEEDS

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

LS15 8TU

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

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Company Name

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County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

HU4 7DY

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

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Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

1498.00

Unit

Sq. metres

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use

As part of planned works by Northern Gas Networks (NGN) to take offline two existing High-pressure gas sites within Whitehaven (Marchon 1 & Marchon 2) that form part of the existing Derwent Park/Marchon high-pressure pipeline system, it is proposed that the existing HP pipeline is cut close to NGN's Low Hall Farm above ground installation (AGI). Due to the removal of the existing high-pressure gas sites downstream, NGN require to install a new inline inspection facility "Pig Trap Compound" - the compound will be used for inline inspection procedures in order to check for any defects within the pipeline system. Without this new installation, NGN will not have the ability to check the integrity of this section of HP pipeline which is not an acceptable position.

The new compound is to consist of a new 300 diameter and 150 diameter section of steel pipeline that will terminate above ground, supported on several reinforced concrete bases and pipe supports. This above ground pipework will then be used for future inline inspection operations via the use of a temporary trap launcher / receiver.

The site is to be fenced using 2.4m high palisade fencing and a vehicle access gate, with 2xNo: personal emergency exit gates also provided around the compound perimeter. External to the main compound fence, an additional 1.1m high timber stock fence and lockable access gate are to be provided around the extents of the proposal.

Access to the site is to be provided via a hardcore access road from the existing track off Low Hall Farm Lane. This hardcore access road will continue into the site, providing a kerbed parking area for at least 2 work vans, additionally an area where a long-reach HIAB would be used to lift the trap launcher/receiver into position will also be provided.

As the site is been cut into a gradual slope a small amount of earthworks are required. The site is in a flood zone 1 area. To mitigate the risk of surface water flooding on the site it is proposed to install a french drain around the compound perimeter, with an aco channel drain provided within the site. This is to feed into a series of MH chambers before terminating via a headwall into the beck adjacent. Other than rainwater runoff, the new site will not be desposing any effluent or additional vectors of water into the stream. No hazardous materials other than potential greases used within the mechanical pipework fittings will be used on site.

Currently the site is a non-arable green field site.

Has the work or change of use already started?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Existing farmers field (Non-Arable)

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used externally (including type, colour and name for each material)

<p>Type: Boundary treatments (e.g. fences, walls)</p> <p>Existing materials and finishes:</p> <p>Proposed materials and finishes: 2.4m High Palisade fenceline & Access Gates (Colour Grey to match existing Low Hall Farm Compound) 1.1m High Tanalised Timber Stock Fence</p>
<p>Type: Vehicle access and hard standing</p> <p>Existing materials and finishes:</p> <p>Proposed materials and finishes: Compacted Hardcore Access Road within new site compound and externally to tie in with existing track leading to Low Hall Farm AGI.</p>

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

<p>GGP-50389-1001 GGP-50389-1002 GGP-50389-1002-1 GGP-50389-1003 GGP-50389-1003-1 GGP-50389-1003-2</p>
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Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

Vehicle Type:

Cars

Existing number of spaces:

0

Total proposed (including spaces retained):

2

Difference in spaces:

2

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

☐ Sustainable drainage system

☒ Existing water course

☐ Soakaway

☐ Main sewer

☐ Pond/lake

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

☐ Yes, on the development site

☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development

☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why they are exempt from doing so.

[Find out more about biodiversity net gain, and access digital tools from our partners that can help determine if you are exempt, or produce the biodiversity metric information required.](#)

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)) would apply?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Please add all the exemptions or transitional arrangements that apply and provide a reason why

Exemption:

Temporary exemption for non-major developments (small sites exemption)

Reason for selecting exemption:

The proposed site is essential for the existing gas system in the area to be rationalised and operate more efficiently.

Note: Please read the help text for further information on the exemptions available and when they apply

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☐ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☐ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☒ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Other

there is no foul sewage as part of this works

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unknown

Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

☐ Yes

☒ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

☐ Yes

☒ No

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

The site will be used for inline inspections operations of the 300diameter High pressure gas pipeline to Low Hall Farm AGI, this is essential as the operation allows for the existing pipeline to be checked for defects that could be detrimental to its safety and future use.

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☒ The agent
☐ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
(b) an elected member
(c) related to a member of staff
(d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of all the land to which this application relates; and has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

☒ Yes

☐ No

I certify/ The applicant certifies that:

- ☒ I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
☐ The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

* "owner" is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

**** "agricultural tenant" has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Owner/Agricultural Tenant

Name of Owner/Agricultural Tenant: ***** REDACTED *****
House name: Low Hall Farm
Number:
Suffix:
Address line 1: Egremont Road, Hensingham
Address Line 2:
Town/City: WHITEHAVEN
Postcode: CA288YB
Date notice served (DD/MM/YYYY): 02/05/2024
Person Family Name:

Person Role

- ☒ The Applicant
☐ The Agent

Title

Project Engineer

First Name

Diane

Surname

Declaration Date

21/05/2024

- ☒
- Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning permission as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.
I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.
I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:
- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Liam Mace

Date

22/05/2024