

REPLACEMENT OF A SOUTHERN GAS NETWORK GAS PRESSURE GOVERNOR AT DERBY ARMS ROAD

Head of Service: Ian Dyer, Head of Operational Services
Wards affected: College Ward; Town Ward; Woodcote Ward;
Appendices (attached): Appendix One – Proposed location of works

Summary

To approve a request from JDT Utilities Ltd working on behalf of Southern Gas Networks to replace a gas pressure governor at Derby Arms Road.

Recommendation (s)

The Conservators are asked to:

- (1) consider the proposal from JDT Utilities Ltd working on behalf of clients at Southern Gas Networks and decide whether to grant approval for the necessary replacement of the gas pressure governor at Derby Arms Road, Epsom under byelaw 2. (i) of the Epsom and Walton Downs Regulation Act 1984.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The replacement of the gas pressure governor is necessary to ensure the regulation of gas pressure throughout the gas distribution system.

2 Background

- 2.1 In December 2021, officers received a request from JDT Utilities Ltd working on behalf of clients at Southern Gas Networks, to replace an SGN gas pressure governor at Derby Arms Road, Epsom.
- 2.2 The gas governor is nearing the end of its useful life, and we would like to install a “like for like” replacement in the same location.
- 2.3 The governor is situated on a large grass verge area along Derby Arms Road. Please see map attached at appendix 1.
- 2.4 The proposal is to dig down and expose the old governor, isolate and remove it from the gas network, then to install and commission a replacement governor.

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- 2.5 All works would & equipment be contained on the verge. Access to the road would not be affected.
- 2.6 Permission is requested to start the gas works on Wednesday 26th January 2022
- 2.7 The works are expected to be completed within 5 weeks, and should not cause any interruption to gas supplies in the area.
- 2.8 Upon completion of the works, JDT Utilities Ltd will carry out such reinstatement works as may be required to return the area to its previous condition.
- 2.9 Since receiving the request, the Senior Planning Manager from JDT Utilities Ltd has been contacted and advised that if the Epsom & Walton Downs Conservators approve the request, it will be granted subject to the following conditions:
 - 2.9.1 No work involving noise, use of machinery or heavy transportation may commence prior to 12noon each day to ensure there is no disruption to daily horse training activities.
 - 2.9.2 No imported soil or aggregates may be used on the Downs to carry out reinstatement works.
 - 2.9.3 All reinstatement works must be carried out swiftly and all signs, fencing and/or barriers must be removed promptly from the site.
 - 2.9.4 All reinstatement works must be inspected by a Council officer or Jockey Club representative to ensure satisfactory completion.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Impact Assessment

- 3.1.1 There will be a minor impact to hack riders as this area of land is a designated hack area ride. If Conservators are minded to approve this work, the hack riding representative will be contacted and advised of the upcoming disruption.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

- 3.2.1 Not applicable.

3.3 Safeguarding

- 3.3.1 Not applicable.

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3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 Failure to carry out this work will impact the gas distribution system.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 Byelaw 2. (i) for the Downs states;

A person shall not, without consent of the Conservators, on the Downs:

(e) dig or take any stem, chalk, soil or other materials or take turf sods, trees, flowers, shrubs, plants or grass or use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the ground.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** Legal implications have been covered in the main body of the report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None

6.5 **Partnerships:** Officers have consulted with the Jockey Club as landowner and advised JDT Utilities Ltd of the conditions of approval.

7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- None

Other papers:

- None