



SSE SUBSTATION

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 49/17

10 JULY 2017

The purpose of this paper is to ask Members to respond to a request for the proposed relocation of SSE's High Street Substation.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) An email from the Isle of Wight Council's Estates Surveyor Andy Bond of 28 June informed the Town Council of a request received from SSE to *relocate a substation they have which serves a large part of the high street. It is in a poor condition and is also difficult for SSE to access where it is currently located. SSE have indicated that they would like to move it to the land which I understand is leased to you. Would you, in principle, be happy for this to go ahead?*
 - b) The area is within the lease the Town Council recently took on that includes Spring Hill Gardens and the paved area on the corner of Spring Hill and the High Street.
 - c) The building would have a ground area of 4m x 4m.
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2) DEVELOPMENTS

- a) My reply indicated that in view of the Town Council's plans for the area it was unlikely that the request would be agreed and that the matter would be on the Agenda for this meeting.
 - b) An email response to that indication from Andy Bond included the information that SSE were also considering requesting the Substation's placement in the Central Car Park and asked if the Town Council could suggest any alternative area if the Isle of Wight Council refused such a request.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town is recommended to:

- i) refuse the request to relocate the substation as requested due to the Town Council's other plans for the development of the site; and
 - ii) encourage the Isle of Wight Council not to agree to any request for the relocation within the Central Car Park.
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