



HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department:	Regeneration & Neighbourhoods Directorate
Division:	Strategic Asset Management Section
Date of Decision / Issue of Licence:	17 th June 2020
Officer Making Decision:	Tim Wynn (Strategic Asset Manager)
Subject / Description & Reason for Decision:	<p>Option Agreement for Cable Easement at Hart Village</p> <p>The Council have been approached by a Company who are proposing to develop a Solar Farm at Hulam Farm to grant them an option for an easement to lay an underground electricity cable from the Solar farm to a proposed electricity sub Station.</p> <p>The proposed route of the cable is shown green on the attached plan which is on the very western periphery of the Councils land ownership.</p> <p>Whilst the land is presently let to a local farmer, the lease permits the Council rights to enter into such arrangement.</p> <p>The Councils Planning Team have been consulted on both the Solar farm and underground cable and have no objections in principle to the proposal.</p> <p>Negotiations have been undertaken with the Company and agreement has been reached to grant a 2 year option for an easement for 31 years subject to the payment of fees for both and the payment of the Councils costs.</p> <p>There is to be provision to extend the Option Period by 24 months, with an Option Fee payable again on each extension.</p> <p>There will be provision in the agreement for the grant of further easements for two further terms of 5 years in the event that the option to renew the lease is exercised.</p> <p>Authority is therefore required to enter into both agreements which will result in the Council receiving revenue and help to</p>

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support the needs of the renewable energy industry and assist in combatting climate change.

Type of Decision: Key

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised: Committee Delegated Authority

The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods and the Chief Solicitor have delegated powers for a variety of transactions within £100,000 in capital value and £50,000 in rental value (annual figure). The powers are to approve land and property disposals and acquisitions, leases, lettings, licences, wayleaves, easements, undertaking and concluding rent reviews, lease renewals and the release and amendments of restrictions, covenants and other land and property matters.

Delegated Powers Authorisation was given on 24 May 2019 by the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods and the Chief Solicitor to the Strategic Asset Manager.

Alternative Options Considered & Rejected:

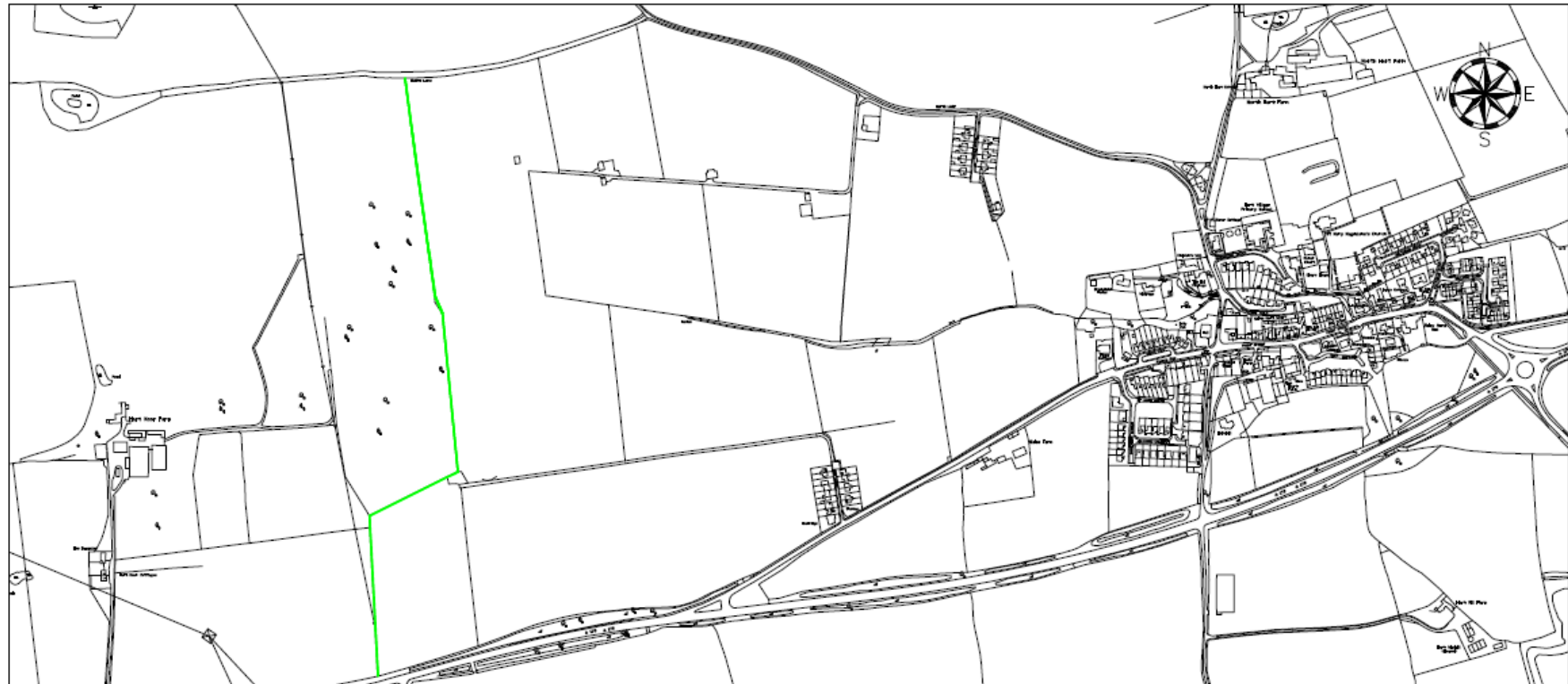
The Council could refuse to grant the option and easement however it would forsake a capital receipt, and, would not assist the needs of the renewable energy industry in contributing to climate change.


Any Declared Register of Interest No

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

NAME: _____
Denise McGuckin

POSITION: _____
Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods



LOCATION Land at Hart Village, Hartlepool		DRAWN BY CT	DATE 05/06/20
		SCALE NTS	
DEED PACKET P172193	OS MAP NZ4634	DRWG NO E/L/578	
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