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**Sent:** 21 October 2019 14:59  
**To:** Town Clerk | Swaffham Town Council  
**Cc:** Les Scott; Stan Sole; Kate Gordon  
**Subject:** Undergrounding of Cables, Lynn Street  
**Attachments:** Cables in Lynn Strret, draft letter to frontagers 12 Oct 2019.docx; Overhead cables in Lynn Street Response form draft 12 Oct 2019.docx

Hi Richard

Les, Stan and myself held an on-site meeting with John William Davies from UK Power Networks recently to discuss the possibility of placing underground the overhead cables in a section of Lynn Street and removing the poles. He has offered to provide a detailed cost estimate by the date of the next TAEC working group, 30th October. The problem we have (apart from the cost) is that all frontages affected would have to agree with the scheme otherwise the poles and cables have to remain.

We decided in discussion that the best way forward would be to provide each occupier with an explanatory letter and a response form to judge the level of support. The draft letter and form are attached for any comment you may have and we would be grateful to hear whether you are prepared to have these sent under your name? We would be happy to deliver them by hand.

Regards

JAMES



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***Draft letter to all properties fronting Lynn Street, Swaffham who would be affected by the proposed undergrounding of cables***

Dear Sir / Madam

**Proposal to place underground existing overhead power and telephone cables, along a section of Lynn Street, Swaffham**

The Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan, approved this year, contains a number of proposals called Community Action Projects. The overall aim of the Plan is to make Swaffham an even more attractive town than it is at present, to both residents and visitors, which will help to boost trade in the market, shops and businesses. One of the actions in the Plan is to “support.....initiatives to reduce the number of unsightly overhead cables”.

Lynn Street, from approximately the junction with Castle Acre Road to ASDA has been selected because it is:

- an important entry route to the town;
- within the town’s Conservation Area which encompasses properties which are of historical significance;
- spoiled in appearance by the presence of numerous overhead cables and poles.

Initial discussions have been held with electricity and telephone companies and at present estimates of cost are awaited.

**My purpose in writing, therefore, is to enquire whether you, as a frontager to Lynn Street, would be prepared to support the idea of removing the poles and placing the cables underground? There would be no cost to yourselves** but there would be disruption whilst the work was carried out. The external appearance of the properties would be affected as an external electricity termination box would have to be fixed, similar to those already existing in Lynn Street further towards the town centre. Also, some internal alterations would be needed to connect up with the existing wiring.

**It is very much hoped that all occupiers of the affected premises would agree to have this work carried out** otherwise the poles and cables would have to remain. **At this early stage, it is not possible to say when or even if, the work will be carried out.**

I attach a form which I would be grateful if you would complete and return in the pre-paid envelope provided. Should you have any queries please contact.....

Yours faithfully

Richard Bishop, Town Clerk

## PROPOSED REMOVAL OF OVERHEAD ELECTRICITY CABLES AND POSTS IN LYNN STREET, SWAFFHAM

**I support\*** the idea of placing underground overhead cables and removing poles in a section of Lynn Street so as to improve the appearance of the street and the buildings.

There would be no cost to myself but acknowledge there would be some disruption whilst the work was carried out, both in the street and in my premises.

I also understand that this is a preliminary enquiry only and no decision has been taken to proceed with the work.

**I do not support\*** this proposal because.....

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- Please delete as appropriate

I am returning this form in the envelope provided, to the Town Hall.

Contact Name:.....

Address:.....

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Business Name of premises (if relevant):.....

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Telephone:.....

Email:.....

I understand that any information supplied by me will be securely held and not divulged to others without written approval from me.

October 2019