



LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

Council

Date: 12 August 2020

Title: Deed of Easement

Purpose of the Report: To seek member endorsement to grant a deed of easement for the installation of a new gas main across Lovent Drive public open space.

Contact Officer: Ian Haynes – Head of Grounds and Environmental Services

Corporate Objective/s		None
Implications:		
Financial	√	SGN have proposed that they would pay our reasonable legal fees.
Human Resources		None
Operational/Service delivery		None
Procedural/Legal		None
Risk/Health & Safety		None

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

Should Council be minded:-

- 1.1 To grant SGN the right to lay and thereafter maintain a pipeline and ancillary apparatus through parts of the Lovent Drive public open space.
- 1.2 To delegate authority to the Town Clerk to deal with all matters involved in checking the engrossment of said deed of easement.
- 1.3 In accordance with a resolution made under standing order 14(a), nominated two named members of the Council (to be named in the resolution), to sign, on behalf of the Council, any document required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures in relations to this deed of easement.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has been approached by SGN regarding the installation of a new gas main along South Street, Leighton Buzzard. Due to the complexities around

the original construction of the Steppingstone Bridge, SGN would like to lay the new gas main across land held within town council ownership.

- 2.2 SGN have now discounted using the existing main after trial holes found it was 4 metres deep and have now reverted back to the original plan of damming the stream and going through town council land as the only feasible alternative. SGN would seek to start the process with the Council regarding the granting of an easement in the area marked green on the attached map with the new main marked in blue.
- 2.3 SGN have confirmed that reasonable legal fees will be met.