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To whom it may concern

Severn Trent Water Limited (STWL)

Wrexham Ring Main – Cinders to Overton – Hedgerow Removal Notice

Dalcour Maclaren (DM) has been instructed by Severn Trent Water Limited (STWL) to submit a Hedgerow Removal Notice (HRN) for the temporary removal of up to 5 no. sections of hedgerow along the Wrexham Ring Main – Cinders to Overton project, within Wrexham County Borough Council. The project comprises the upsizing of water main pipelines between Twining Hill, Erbistock, Ruabon, Wrexham, Wales, LL14 6HN (332740, 343193) and Wrexham Road, Little Overton, Overton, Wrexham, Wales, LL13 0HG (336741, 342271).

Up to 5 no. hedgerows may be removed on a temporary basis to allow clear access for excavation and trenching during open cut pipeline installation, ensuring safe and efficient construction, in addition to the installation of construction laydown areas, to prevent them being required in each field. Their removal also prevents damage to root systems and avoids interference with machinery, reducing the risk of delays or hazards during the works. It is unlikely that all 5 no. hedgerow sections will need to be removed as a Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) methodology will be utilised in some locations. However, this will be dependant on the finalised route and methodology determined by any potential unforeseen circumstances on site. The proposed hedgerow removals are anticipated to commence towards the end of April 2026.

The locations of the sections of hedgerow required to be removed are detailed within Table 1 and the location and extent of proposed hedgerow removal is shown within the drawings attached, referenced: 20260305_25006193_PLN_INFO_3.1 3. The HRN submission strategy has previously been agreed with Ellie Jones, Business Support Assistant at Wrexham County Borough Council.

Table 1: The locations and extent of hedgerow removal required within Wrexham County Borough Council

Hedgerow Number	Grid Reference (E, N)	Extent of Hedgerow Removal
15	335033, 343396	6m
16	335052, 343392	6m
17	335105, 343357	6m
18	335257, 343230	6m

19	335387, 343213	6m

A minimum of 6 metres of hedgerow must be removed at these locations to ensure safe pipeline installation and allow passage for personnel and equipment in addition to access to construction laydown areas.

The pipeline works will be carried out under STWL's permitted development (PD) rights as a statutory water undertaker, as set out within Part 13 Class A(a) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) 2015 (England).

Background to the Hedgerow Removal Notice application

In order to inform the need for a Hedgerow Removal Notice (HRN), DM has undertaken a review of the hedgerows in question. As the hedgerows are more than 20 metres long, and are adjacent to land used for agricultural needs, it is considered that they meet the criteria for length and location as outlined by the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.

Regarding the 'importance' of these hedgerows, historic mapping was used to establish this due to the poor quality of aerial imagery in the area pre-2006. Mapping from OS: 1:1,250/1:2,500, 1944-1975 shows that the field boundaries are well established. Furthermore, whilst it will not be possible to prove that the hedgerows are a component of a pre-1845 field system without visiting the record office; the boundaries are well established on the OS Six Inch, 1888-1915 Map. As such, it could be considered that the hedgerows have been in place for a period exceeding 30 years, and therefore, are considered 'important'.

Mitigation and compensation

The proposed hedgerow removal will be undertaken in the presence of a suitably experienced ecologist who will undertake an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW), including pre-commencement checks, prior to hedgerow removal.

Upon removal of each hedgerow and completion of the works, any affected hedgerows will be reinstated on a like-for-like basis, and replanting details will be agreed with each landowner. Where the hedgerow boundaries adjoin public land, highways, Public Rights of Way (PRoWs), or if there is livestock grazing within fields the hedgerow forms a boundary of, post and rail fencing will be installed to keep boundaries secure until construction works have been completed.

It is therefore requested that the Local Planning Authority consent to the proposed hedgerow removals to enable STWL to install a new water mains pipeline to enable an adequate future supply of water.

Yours sincerely,

Poppy Hailwood (Dalcour Maclaren, on behalf of STWL)

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-Group 3-application-for-hedgerow-removal-notice