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Our Ref: 24/00129/ENQNEI

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Dear Tara,

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Proposal: Consultation on planning application ref: 20231313 (Gravesham Council) for 'Proposed development consisting of construction of a new cable tunnel beneath the River Thames between Gravesend and Tilbury to provide additional transmission capacity. Above ground infrastructure in the form of a new cable ceiling end compound and a new head house building along with associated electricity infrastructure, access, parking, boundary treatment and two overhead gantry structures for future overhead lines. Temporary compound for the duration of the project to provide parking, staff welfare facilities, delivery vehicle parking, and equipment and machinery storage, including boundary treatment and lighting'. Comments to be made by 20 February 2024.

You Reference: 20240084

Location: Eastcourt Marshes Electricity Distribution Site, Mark Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2HN

I am writing with regards your recent consultation request received in this office on the 1st February 2024. Having had the opportunity to consider this consultation I have the following comments to make:

Thurrock Council are currently considering their own planning application (under the above quoted reference) for the associated development to the north side of the River Thames, which Gravesham Borough Council have already been consulted on, and response provided on 14 February 2024. The description of our proposal reads as follows:

'Proposed construction a new cable tunnel beneath the River Thames between Tilbury and

Gravesend to provide additional transmission capacity. Above-ground infrastructure in the form of a new Cable Sealing End compound and a new head house building along with associated electricity infrastructure, access, parking, boundary treatment and two overhead gantry structures for future overhead lines. Temporary compound for the duration of the project to provide parking, staff welfare facilities, delivery vehicle parking, and equipment and machinery storage, including boundary treatment and lighting.'

It is noted that documents submitted with Thurrock's planning application also include details of works taking place within Gravesham. Thurrock will consider this when assessing the proposed development whilst also considering relevant local and national policies, along with responses received from consultees. However, given the scale of the development, including its distance across the Thames, it is considered that the proposed development within Gravesham including associated infrastructure would not have any adverse impacts upon the administrative area of Thurrock.

Thank you for giving Thurrock Council the opportunity to comment on this application.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Hicks
Planning Officer