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Our Ref: GR-2023-1313EIA

Your Ref: 202313913

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Dear Sir/Madam

Application: 20231313

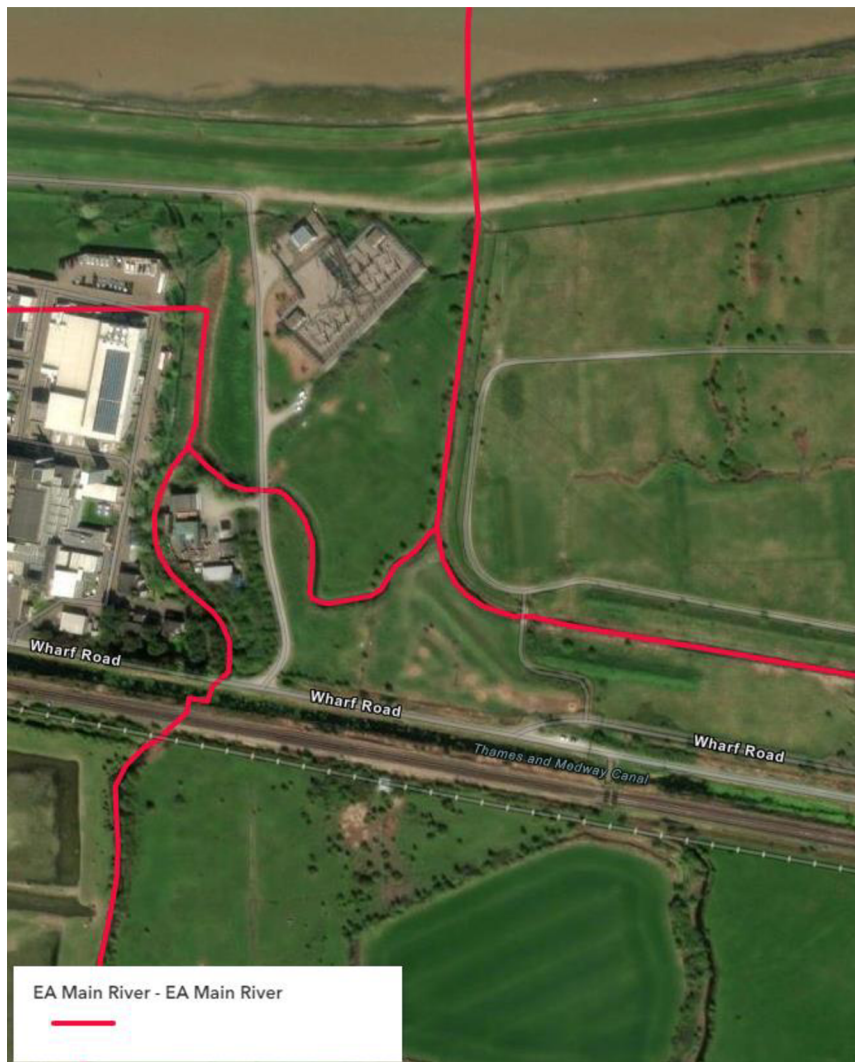
Proposal: Proposed construction of a new cable tunnel beneath the River Thames between Gravesend and Tilbury to provide additional transmission capacity. Above-ground infrastructure in the form of a new Cable Sealing End compound and a new head house building along with associated electricity infrastructure, 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.

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

Thank you for your consultation on the above-referenced planning application.

The Gravesend Headhouse compound is within the Internal Drainage District (IDD) of the North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board (NKMIDB) and we note that it is proposed to discharge surface water to a watercourse. This discharge will require land drainage consent in line with the Board's Byelaws (specifically Byelaw 3 available at https://lowermedwayidb.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/NKMIDB_Byelaws_DEFRA-approved.pdf). Any consent granted will likely be conditional, and a Surface Water Development Contribution fee is normally required to cover the increased flow and volume in its maintained drainage network. However, this application is proposing to discharge to 'main river' and it is only a short distance before discharging in the tidal Thames as such, it seems unlikely that the Board will require such a payment. For information, the applicant is advised to approach the Environment Agency directly to discuss their proposals for discharging to 'main river' in terms of water quality, water quantity, for works within the Byelaw margin of 'main river' and for the outfall structure.

The plan below identifies the location of 'main river', shown in red.



Once a detailed scheme has been developed and no longer subject to significant change, the applicant is advised to contact the Board to start the land drainage consenting process.

If it is proposed to discharge to a non-main river watercourse within the site boundary, the applicant must re-consult the Board.

This response is based on the information provided with the planning application and is reliant on its accuracy. The Board would be very grateful if its comments were used in their entirety.

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Sustainable Development Officer.

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