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Dear Richard,

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. (ref 20231313)

Please find enclosed reports as detailed below to allow part discharge of Condition 7 of the above application granted permission in March 2025.

Condition 7 – Archaeology

To evaluate and mitigate the impacts of development on heritage assets with archaeological and palaeo-environmental interest:

Part	Requirement	Discharge Timescale
A	<i>Prior to any development ground works the applicant (or their agents or successors in title) shall secure and have reported a programme of archaeological field evaluation works, in accordance with a Specification and written timetable which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.</i>	To be discharged now.
B	<i>Following completion of archaeological field evaluation works, no development groundworks shall take place until the applicant or their agents or successors in title, has secured the implementation of any safeguarding measures to ensure preservation in situ of important archaeological remains and/or archaeological mitigation excavation and recording in accordance with a Specification and timetable which has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority.</i>	To be discharged now.

C	<i>The archaeological safeguarding measures, mitigation excavation and recording shall be completed in accordance with the agreed Specification and timetable.</i>	To be discharged at a later date.
D	<i>Within 6 months of the completion of archaeological works a Post-Excavation Assessment Report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The Post-Excavation Assessment Report shall be in accordance with Kent County Council's requirements and include:</i> <i>i. a description and assessment of the results of all archaeological investigations that have been undertaken in that part (or parts) of the development;</i> <i>ii. an Updated Project Design outlining measures to analyse, report and disseminate the findings of the archaeological investigations, together with an implementation strategy and timetable for the same;</i> <i>iii. a scheme detailing the arrangements for providing and maintaining an archaeological site archive and its deposition following completion.</i>	To be discharged at a later date.
E	<i>The measures outlined in the Post-Excavation Assessment Report shall be implemented in full and in accordance with the agreed timings.</i>	To be discharged at a later date.

Reason: To ensure that features of archaeological and palaeo-environmental interest are properly examined and recorded in accordance with saved Policy TC7 of the Gravesham Local Plan First Review (1994) and section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

Following guidance from the County Archaeologist, Casper Johnson, two Written Schemes of Investigation have been prepared to discharge this condition – a geoarchaeological WSI and an archaeological WSI. These reports both consider works relating to National Grid's wider tunnelling project which encompasses works within Thurrock Borough.

Geoarchaeological borehole sampling will take place in Spring 2025 and a wider programme for archaeological monitoring is detailed within Section 3.3 of the Archaeological WSI.

Please ask if you require any further detail.

Yours sincerely,



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