

Application: 20230668

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2011**

SCREENING OPINION UNDER REGULATION 15
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To: **Kate McGregor
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TAKE NOTICE that **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, as Local Planning Authority, under the Town and Country Planning Act hereby determines that the development referred to in the letter received on 22nd June 2023 does constitute EIA development and therefore an Environmental Impact Assessment is required. The notice relates to land situated at

**Eastcourt Marshes Electricity Substation
Mark Lane
Gravesend
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DA12 2HR**

and being **Request for a screening opinion in accordance with The Town and Country Planning Act (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in respect of the one new shaft headhouse and one new cable sealing end compound.**

GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL MAKES THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS :-

Given the nature of the development, the location and sensitivity of the area and the likely potential impact outlined in respect of biodiversity and ecology, geology and hydrology, noise and vibration, heritage and archaeology, landscape/townscape and visual effects, transport and access and cumulative impacts it is considered that the proposal would be likely to have a significant impact on the environment. Gravesham Borough Council therefore concludes that the development is EIA development and that an EIA is therefore required.

Your attention is drawn to the following informatives

INFORMATIVES:-

1 INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICANT

The Delegated Report and Appendix A: Screening Matrix provide full details of how the decision was made. They can be found at www.gravesham.gov.uk/planning-search by entering the planning application reference number.

2 SUBMITTED PLANS & DOCUMENTS

For the avoidance of doubt, the plans and documents upon which this decision is made comprise:

- Covering Letter from the National Grid dated 2 June 2023; and
- TKRE Cable Tunnel Replacement Project Environmental Screening Report, June 2023 prepared by AECOM Limited.

3 STATEMENT OF POSITIVE AND PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DECISION-MAKING

In accordance with Article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended), and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021, the Local Planning Authority has approached the assessment and determination of this application in a positive and creative way and, where appropriate, has worked pro-actively with the applicant to secure a development that is sustainable and that improves the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area, and that is in accordance with the Development Plan for the area.

Dated: 3 August 2023

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