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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 discharge of Condition 22 of the above application granted permission in March 2025.

Condition 22 – Piling/Penetrative Ground Improvement Methods

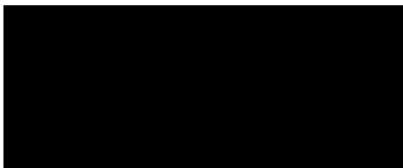
Piling and tunnel shaft construction using penetrative methods shall not be permitted other than with the express written consent of the Local Planning Authority, which may be given for those parts of the site where it has been demonstrated that there is no resultant unacceptable risk to groundwater. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: Piling or other penetrative ground improvement methods can increase the risk to the water environment by introducing preferential pathways for the movement of contamination into the underlying aquifer and/or impacting surface water quality therefore to avoid any harm to the water environment in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024).

To address the above matters, a Groundwater Risk Assessment and a Piling Risk Assessment have been prepared by National Grid's appointed contractor and are enclosed.

Please ask if you require any further detail.

Yours sincerely,



Kate McGregor
Senior Consents Manager