

Delegated Report

Approval of Details Application

Application no: 20250413

Location: Eastcourt Marshes Electricity Substation Mark Lane Gravesend Kent

Description: Application for part-approval of condition 7 A and B (Archaeology) attached to planning reference number 20231313.

Applicant: National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC

Site Visit Date: N/A

Planning permission was granted under application ref. 20231313 on 4 March 2025 for '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'.

This was subject to a number of conditions including condition no. 7 which this application seeks to discharge only parts A & B of. This application is not seeking to discharge parts C, D or E of condition 7.

For completeness condition 7 (Parts A & B which this application seeks to discharge are highlighted in bold):

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

A) 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.

B) 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.

C) The archaeological safeguarding measures, mitigation excavation and recording shall be completed in accordance with the agreed Specification and timetable.

D) 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. a description and assessment of the results of all archaeological investigations that have been undertaken in that part (or parts) of the development;**
- 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;**
- iii. a scheme detailing the arrangements for providing and maintaining an archaeological site archive and its deposition following completion.**

E) The measures outlined in the Post-Excavation Assessment Report shall be implemented in full and in accordance with the agreed timings.

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).

The information submitted in pursuance of Parts A & B of condition 7 is:

- Cover Letter;
- Application form;
- TKRE Cable Replacement Project (Tilbury to Gravesend): Geoarchaeological Watching Briefs on Geotechnical Boreholes and Shaft Excavation – Written Scheme of Investigation by the University of Winchester, April 2025; and
- Grain to Tilbury Cable Tunnel Replacement Project Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Monitoring & Recording by Network Archaeology Ltd, April 2025, Version 2.

Consultations

KCC Heritage

I would be happy for both documents (Network Archaeology 2025 and University of Winchester ARCA 2025) to be formally approved and for Parts A and B of Condition 7 of 20231313 to be discharged.

Analysis

The applicant has submitted two Written Schemes of Investigation (WSI) - a geoarchaeological WSI and an archaeological WSI which sets out the approaches and methodologies to be used during an geoarchaeological watching brief of geotechnical boreholes and shaft excavation works being conducted as part of the TKRE Cable Tunnel Replacement Project.

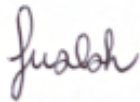
KCC Heritage have looked at both WSI's and have advised that both documents can be approved and Parts A&B of condition 7 can be discharged.

Conclusion

It is considered that sufficient details have been submitted and Parts A & B of condition 3 of planning permission ref. 20231313 can therefore be discharged.

Recommendation: Approval of Details

See draft Decision

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Dated:	18th June 2025	Dated:	18 June 2025