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11th July 2025

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 4 of the above application granted permission in March 2025.

Condition 4 – Contaminated Land Strategy

Prior to shaft excavation works commencing a scheme that includes the following components to deal with the risks associated with contamination of the site shall each be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority:

- A. *A preliminary risk assessment which has identified:*
 - (i) *all previous uses*
 - (ii) *potential contaminants associated with those uses*
 - (iii) *a conceptual model of the site indicating sources, pathways and receptors**potentially unacceptable risks arising from contamination at the site.*
- B. *A site investigation scheme, based on (1) to provide information for a detailed assessment of the risk to all receptors that may be affected, including those off site.*
- C. *The results of the site investigation and detailed risk assessment referred to in (2) and, based on these, an options appraisal and remediation strategy giving full details of the remediation measures required and how they are to be undertaken.*
- D. *A verification plan providing details of the data that will be collected in order to demonstrate that the works set out in the remediation strategy in (3) are complete and identifying any requirements*

for longer-term monitoring of pollutant linkages, maintenance and arrangements for contingency action.

The scheme shall be implemented as approved.

Reason: To protect and prevent the pollution of the water environment (particularly the Secondary (undifferentiated) and Principal aquifers) from potential pollutants associated with current and previous land uses in accordance with Policy CS19 of the Gravesham Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) and paragraphs 187, 196 and 197 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024), the EU Water Framework Directive, Anglian River Basin Management Plan and Environment Agency Groundwater Protection Position Statements (2017) A4 - A6, J1 - J7 and N7.

To address the matters relating to Parts A and C above, a Contaminated Land Memo, Geotechnical Interpretive Report and Ground Investigation Report have been prepared by National Grid's appointed designer and contractor. Parts B and D will be discharged at a later date.

Please ask if you require any further detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate McGregor', is shown on a light grey background.

Kate McGregor

Senior Consents Manager