



**Growth, Environment and
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**Public Rights of Way and Access
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Ms Amanda Cue
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Dear Amanda

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**Installation of electricity infrastructure including a battery energy storage
system, sub station and ancillary electrical infrastructure
Land Adjacent To, Thames Way, Northfleet, Gravesend Kent**

Thank you for your letter dated 27th August regarding the above planning application.

The applicant has included a Public Right of Way Mitigation Strategy in their Construction Traffic Management Plan, which outlines how Public Right of Way Footpath NU14, running along the northwestern boundary of the site, will be kept open wherever possible. Temporary closures may be used when necessary, but the aim is to minimise disruption to the public while maintaining safety.

The strategy includes the use of clear signage, advance notice, and managed crossings where construction activity overlaps with the footpath. In some cases, staff may be present to assist users crossing safely. Where haul roads follow or cross the PROW, measures like signage, barriers, or minor diversions will be put in place to protect users.

All arrangements will be made in consultation with PROW officers, and the applicant has committed to keeping closures as short as possible and reopening the path as soon as it is safe to do so.

I enclose a copy of the Public Rights of Way network maps showing the line of the path for your information.

Please note the granting of planning permission confers no other permission or consent on the applicant. It is therefore important to advise the applicant that no works can be undertaken on a Public Right of Way without the express consent of the Highways Authority. In cases of doubt the applicant should be advised to contact this office before commencing any works that may affect the Public Right of Way. Should any temporary closures be required to ensure public safety then this office will deal on the basis that:

- The applicant pays for the administration costs.
- The duration of the closure is kept to a minimum.
- Alternative routes will be provided for the duration of the closure.
- A minimum of eight weeks' notice is required to process any applications for temporary closures.

This means that the Public Right of Way must not be stopped up, diverted, obstructed (this includes any building materials or waste generated during any of the construction phases) or the surface disturbed. There must be no encroachment on the current width, at any time now or in future and no furniture or fixtures may be erected on or across Public Rights of Way without consent.

Yours sincerely

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Deborah Scott
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