



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: *Denton Wharf, Gravesend 20250315*

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We understand that the proposed changes are as follows: The cable is now proposed to go over the pontoon and not under it as previously designed. The height of the cable is proposed to be 3m and will be installed in the same manner as the existing cables on the Svitzer pontoon (please see Appendix 1). The new design will include support poles holding the cable in place, secured to the base of the pontoon in the same manner as initially planned for the cable. The design of the proposed poles will be the same as the existing poles on the Svitzer pontoon.

We advise that our comments have not changed significantly since we commented on application 20240527. We are satisfied that no ecological information is required for the following reasons:

It is our understanding that the works are proposed to replace an existing diesel generator with electrical power services. As such the noise levels from pier will be reduced.

All the work are on existing hard standing/wharf and no piling works are proposed to be carried out within the River Thames. Therefore as long as the works are carried out following best practice construction measures to minimise noise/dust/dirt impacting/entering the Thames we are satisfied that any ecological impact will be minimal.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Planning Statement; Boyer; March 2025
- Proposed Site Plan Rev B