



Application: 20240691
Your Reference: MLA/2024/00283

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING GENERAL REGULATIONS 1992

NO OBJECTION TO GRANT OF PERMISSION TO DEVELOP LAND

To: **Marine Management**
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TAKE NOTICE that the **GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**, the Local Planning Authority under the Town and Country Planning Acts, has **NO OBJECTION** for development of land situate

at **Denton Wharf**
Mark Lane
Gravesend
Kent
DA12 2PL

and being **Consultation on application for a marine licence MLA/2024/00283. Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act")**

Referred to in your application dated 12 July 2024.

This is a consultation from the MMO on a marine licence application (ref. MLA/2024/00283) for the removal of the existing upriver pontoons and provision of three replacement upriver pontoons including installation of three new monopiles and associated infrastructure (access brows/gangways, services, topside equipment etc.) at Denton Wharf, Mark Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2PL.

The site itself does not lie within a designated environmentally sensitive area. The Local Wildlife Site (Canal and Grazing Marsh, Higham), the Thames Estuary and Marshes SPA/Ramsar and SSSI are in close proximity to the east.

The proposal involves piling works and construction works in the River Thames. Such works could impact on ecology and biodiversity including water quality. To this end the MMO will need to be satisfied that the proposal would not cause any undue harm to ecology and biodiversity and that the proposed measures to mitigate any likely negative effects are acceptable. This includes considering the impact on the adjacent designated sites. Dredging and piling have the potential to be harmful to the fish species resident in and moving through this area of the tidal Thames.

The site of the proposed replacement pontoons is likely to lie within an area of sensitive archaeology and heritage. The site lies along the foreshore of the River Thames which has potential for early prehistoric remains and palaeoenvironmental remains associated with early human activity along this area of North Kent coast. The development of the proposed pontoon

involves piling as well as other constructions works. Such works could have an impact on sensitive archaeology. The MMO will need to satisfy itself that there would be no undue harm from the proposed development on archaeology. Would the piling disturb remains located on the river floor for example.

In visual terms it will need to be ensured that the replacement pontoons will not affect the visual character of the area.

In respect of noise and vibration, consideration will need to be given to construction noise/vibration and in terms of vibration, the impact of piling activities will need to be assessed in order to ensure that the levels at the nearest sensitive receptors (both residential and non-residential) to the proposed development site would not be unacceptable.

It will also need to be ensured that there would be no impact on the tidal flow of the River Thames.

In respect of parking and highway safety, the level of traffic generated by the proposal during the construction phase will need to be considered and the level of any HGV movements to and from the site to ensure there would be no impact on highway safety.

The Borough Council has two current applications under consideration for Denton Wharf:

20240590 - Upgrade to existing radar tower to increase the height of the tower; and
20240527 - Construction of DNO kiosks, Low Voltage Cabinets and associated Cabling.

Both applications are concerned with transitioning to low carbon energy.

Please be advised to review the delegated officer report for full comments on this application ref. 20240691.

The MMO is thanked for consulting Gravesham Borough Council.

Dated this 2nd day of August 2024

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