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National Gas South Of Shornemead Fort Queens Farm Road Shorne Gravesend Kent DA12 8HU

Application for determination pursuant to Part 16 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, as amended, as to whether prior approval is required for proposed telecommunications installation of Gravesend Multijunction GRSC Shorne DA12 3HU 1190M Duct 56, 6M Duct 54, 7 X JMF102, 2 X JBF 104, External Cable 1460.

The Parish Council has the following comments.

It is assumed that the landowner (understood to be RSPB) has been asked for their approval/consent and also that of the North Kent Marshes Internal Drainage Board.

The site lies within the North Kent Marshes SSSI and Ramsar Site, and RSPB reserve.

The proposal is to run a cable duct along the western verge for the full length of Fort Road. Care should be taken to avoid contamination of water, and damaging any foundations of the road and the root systems of bushes/trees on the verge, plus any historic and essential structures such as the sentry points. Post-works restoration is assumed.

The condition of the roadway is already poor in places so any ducts passing under the roadway should preferably (if suitable) be moled rather than being excavated.

Fort Road is a footpath NS368 (south of the canal) and a footpath/bridleway NS318 heading north to the riverbank. It is therefore in public use so public needs and safety will need to be protected during the works.

We note also that the area is subject to safety closures when the firing range is in use.