DECISION DELEGATED TO HEAD OF PLANNING

Application No:	**H04-0273-22**	**Applicant:**	**National Grid Viking Link Ltd**
Proposal:	Details of final report in connection with archaeological investigation (Condition 34 of H04-0823-17)		
Location:	Land To The North Of North Ing Drove Donington Spalding		
Terminal Date:	30th November 2023		

Planning Policies

South East Lincolnshire Local Plan - Adopted: March 2019

29 The Historic Environment

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework 2023

Section 16 - Conserving and Enhancing the Historic Environment

Representations:

	Object	Support	No Obj.	Comments
HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT OFFICER	0	0	0	1
OTHER STATUTORY BODIES	0	0	0	1

CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

Proposal

This is a discharge of condition is relation to the submission of details of final report in connection with archaeological investigation (Condition 34 of H04-0823-17).

Site Description

The Viking Link Interconnector Onshore Scheme is located across wider Lincolnshire. Zone 1 relates to teh coastal marshes, zone 2 transects the Wolds and Zone 3 relates the fenland portion of the scheme.

History

H04-0823-17 - Works to facilitate the Viking Link electrical interconnector with an approximate capacity of 1400 megawatts (MW) extending from Revsing, Jutland, (Denmark) to Bicker Fen, Lincolnshire (UK) comprising: - Installation of two (2) subsea high voltage direct current (DC) cables between Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) and landfall at Boygrift in East Lindsey; - Installation of two (2) onshore DC cables between the landfall at Boygrift and the converter station at North Ing Drove in South Holland; - Construction of associated Temporary Construction Compounds (TCC) and Temporary Works Areas (TWA) and temporary vehicle access arrangements required for DC and AC cable installation; - Erection of converter station buildings together with the formation of internal roads, permanent access road from the A52, erection of security fencing, formation of landscaping with associated temporary construction compounds; - Installation of up to six (6) onshore high voltage alternating current (AC) cables between the converter station at North Ing Drove and the existing Bicker Fen 400 kilovolt (400kV) Substation owned and operated by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET); - Installation of link pillars along the AC cable route for inspection and maintenance purposes, these will be contained within fenced areas; - Installation of all associated drainage mitigation works; and - Installation of fibre-optic cable(s) with the high voltage AC and DC cables. Approved 08-10-18

Consultation Responses

Historic Places Team - Thank you for consulting us on this. This office cannot recommend discharge of Condition 34 of permission H04-0823-17 as the information provided does not meet the requirements of the condition.
An Assessment Report "Result Report Bicker Fen Converter Station" and an Updated Project Design "Viking Link Zones 1-3 Lincolnshire" have been submitted but neither are the final report.

The final report should include the further analysis work as recommended in the Updated Project Design and follow the WSI requirements. It must be in in accordance with the guidelines for all reports on archaeological fieldwork undertaken in the county set out in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (Chapter 15). Publication and archive must follow in order to meet the requirements of condition 34.

Planning Considerations

Condition 32 - Final Report

The condition requires:

A copy of the final report required in connection with Condition 32 above shall be submitted within three months of the work being carried out to the Local Planning Authority and the Lincolnshire Historic Environment Record. The material and paper archive required as part of the written scheme of investigation shall be deposited with an appropriate archive in accordance with guidelines published in The Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook

The applicant has provided a report 'Viking Link Zones 1-3 Lincolnshire' by Wessex archaeology. The Historic Places Team have assessed the submission and state *The final report should include the further analysis work as recommended in the Updated Project Design and follow the WSI requirements. It must be in in accordance with the guidelines for all reports on archaeological fieldwork undertaken in the county set out in the Lincolnshire Archaeological Handbook (Chapter 15). Publication and archive must follow in order to meet the requirements of condition 34.*.

Therefore at this time, following the advice from the Historic Places Team the condition cannot be discharged

Conclusion

Condition 34 of H04-0823-17 remains extant.

Additional Considerations

Public Sector Equality Duty

In making this decision the Authority must have regard to the public sector equality duty (PSED)

under s.149 of the Equalities Act. This means that the Council must have due regard to the need (in discharging its functions) to:
A. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
B. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. This may include removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; taking steps to meet the special needs of those with a protected characteristic; encouraging participation in public life (or other areas where they are underrepresented) of people with a protected characteristic(s).
C. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The PSED must be considered as a relevant factor in making this decision but does not impose a duty to achieve the outcomes in s.149. It is only one factor that needs to be considered, and may be balanced against other relevant factors.

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case will have a disproportionately adverse impact on a protected characteristic.

Human Rights

In making a decision, the Authority should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as South Holland District Council to act in a manner that is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. The Authority is referred specifically to Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property).

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case interferes with local residents' right to respect for their private and family life, home and correspondence, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general public interest and the recommendation is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.