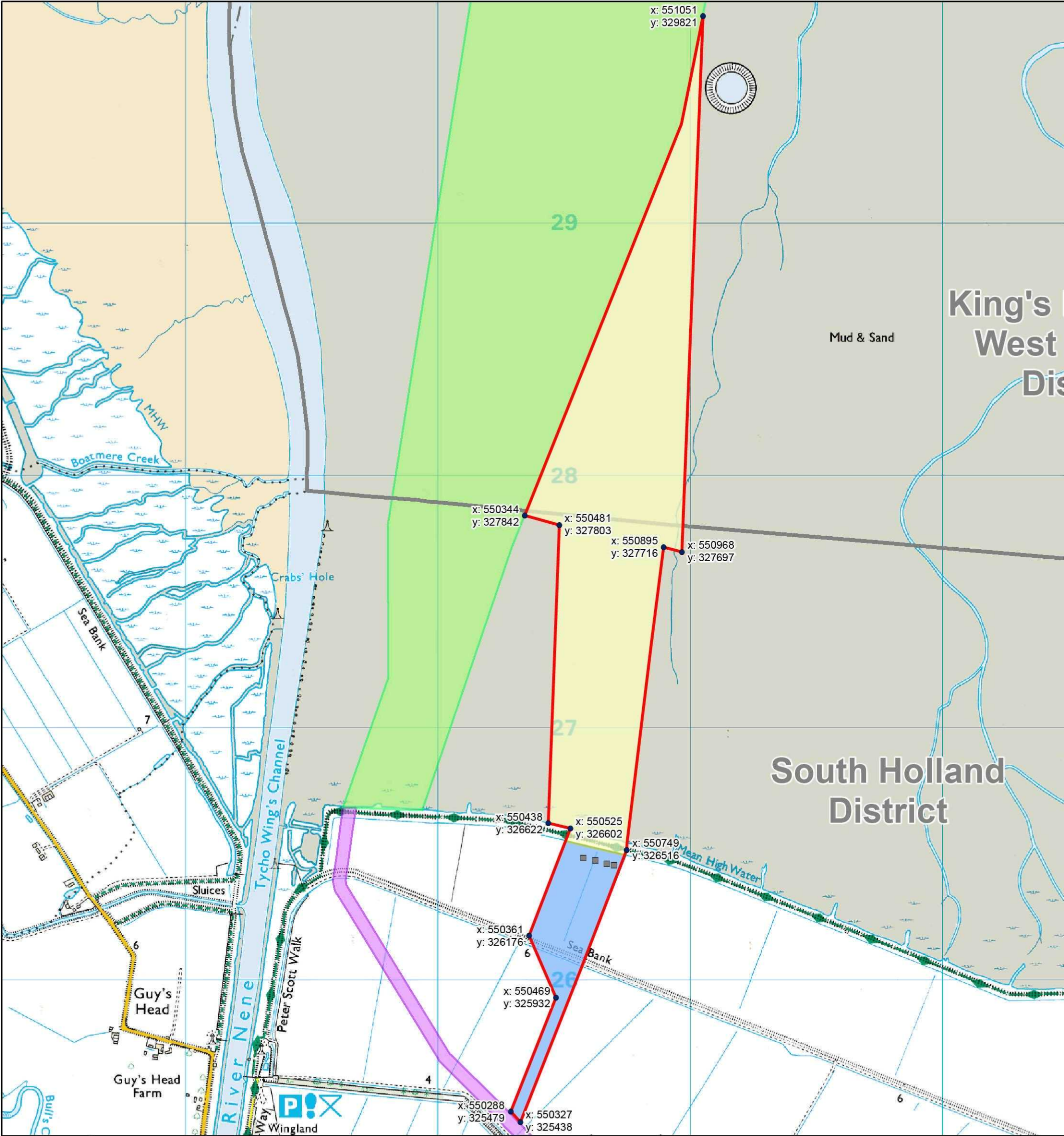




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| Offshore cable route approved by DECC (12.04.09.05176C)            |  |  |  |  |
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David,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the comments received from Sutton Bridge Parish Council with regard to this application. Sutton Bridge Parish Council have been actively involved in the project for a number of years and we welcome their feedback at all stages.

I note the Parish Council has objected to the variation of Condition 3 of planning permission H18-0102-13, and have provided the following comment:

***“Condition 3 - Council objects to the variation, it is vital that a cable burial plan, contingency plan, saltmarsh mitigation, reinstatement and monitoring plan are submitted and approved before ANY development commences.”***

It is noted that the Parish Council has no objection to the variation of Conditions 4, 8 and 9, as also proposed. Accordingly, I have set out my thoughts with regard to their comments on the proposed variation to condition 3 only. The attached plan identifies the relevant planning permissions and areas referred to in this note.

As set out in our letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 the red line area for planning permission H18-0102-13 covers a small amendment to the 11km onshore cable route for the project, approximately 1 km in length. This change was needed to link up the revised offshore works location (H18-0102-13) with the onshore cable (H18-0341-10). The revised offshore/inter-tidal works area was selected due to the preferable ground conditions in that location and the potential to minimise impact on the salt marsh. Through the designated/protected area.

The revised onshore cable section was chosen to provide the shortest route possible between that revised cable landfall and the approved onshore cable route. None of the onshore route is affected by environmental designations/protections.

Condition 3 of planning permission H18-0102-13 requires that specific details relating to the offshore cable and salt marsh are submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority prior to any works taking place:

***“Before development can commence the following information shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:***

- ***Detailed export cable burial plan***
- ***Detailed contingency plan***
- ***Detailed saltmarsh mitigation and reinstatement plan***
- ***Detailed saltmarsh monitoring plan***

***Note: The above documents should be developed and subsequent works carried out in full agreement with Natural England”.***

The reason given by SHDC for applying that condition was:

***“To ensure that the impacts of all works have been thoroughly considered and appropriate steps have been taken to minimise the impacts upon the saltmarsh. This condition is imposed in accordance with advice within Section 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012”.***

It is clear that the purpose of this condition was to ensure disruption to the protected salt marsh was avoided/minimised and that all offshore/inter-tidal installation details, mitigation measures and post-works monitoring was developed and agreed prior to any works taking place on the salt marsh, to the full satisfaction of Natural England.

The proposed variation does not seek to take away that assurance and control. No work would take place on the salt marsh until all those details had been agreed. I understand that Natural England has responded to the District Council to confirm they have no objection to the proposed variation. I appreciate the concerns of the Parish Council but I consider there would be no negative effects from the approval of the variation to Condition 3, nor would the original intended purpose of the Condition be undermined.

As you are aware the works also affect the primary sea defences at Sutton Bridge. Although this does not affect the consideration of the variation to Condition 3 I also understand that the Environment Agency intends to similarly respond to confirm they have no objection in the coming days.

The remainder of the onshore cable construction is due to commence in the next few week. Accordingly, as you are aware we have submitted material recently to discharge the pre-commencement planning conditions on planning permission H18-0341-10. The remainder of the onshore works are unimpeded by Condition 3 of planning permission H18-0102-13, in its current form.

I hope this helps to clarify the position as we see it. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss further ahead of Chairman’s Panel please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and regards, Simon

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