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Juan Murray is dealing with this matter

Dear Jonathan

Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary conditions 2 (approved plans and documents) and 4 (Landscape and Ecology Management Plan) of planning permission reference PL/2023/01643 for the construction of two Cable Sealing End Compounds.

The North Wessex Downs Visual Impact Provision (VIP) scheme is replacing 4.6km of overhead electricity line and 13 pylons with underground cable in the North Wessex Downs National Landscape, to the north of Devizes. The aim is to reduce the visual impact of electricity infrastructure on the National Landscape.

As part of this scheme, planning permission has been granted (ref: PL/2023/01643) for the construction of two Cable Sealing End Compounds (CSECs) at either end of the new section of underground cable. CSECs facilitate the transition between the new underground cables and existing overhead lines.

During construction of the scheme, more subsoil has been excavated than was initially anticipated at the Eastern CSEC Site. To deal with this in the most sustainable way, it has been decided that this soil should be used on site. The soil would be used to increase the height of bunds designed to screen the development from 1.5m to 2.5m (graded).

To carry out these works, we are applying to vary conditions 2 and 4 of planning permission PL/2023/01643 under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Application PL/2023/01643 was approved on 14 July 2023.

The below table sets out the conditions as they currently proposed and the changes to drawings and documents which are proposed.

Table 1 Existing conditions and proposed changes to them

Original	Proposed
<i>Condition 2. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and documents:</i>	
<i>REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.</i>	
Location Plan – NWD Cable Sealing End Compounds, Dwg No. 5417-PTDC-CABXX-XX-EC-DT-000071 Rev P07 Sheet 1 of 4	No change
Location Plan – NWD Cable Sealing End Compounds, Dwg No. 5417-PTDC-CABXX-XX-EC-DT-000071 Rev P07 Sheet 2 of 4	No change
Location Plan – NWD Cable Sealing End Compounds, Dwg No. 5417-PTDC-CABXX-XX-EC-DT-000071 Rev P07 Sheet 3 of 4	No change
Location Plan – NWD Cable Sealing End Compounds, Dwg No. 5417-PTDC-CABXX-XX-EC-DT-000071 Rev P07 Sheet 4 of 4	No change
Site plan, Dwg No 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-PL-10128 Rev P03 Sheet 1 of 5	No change
Site plan, Dwg No 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-PL-10128 Rev P03 Sheet 2 of 5	No change
Site plan, Dwg No 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-PL-10128 Rev P03 Sheet 3 of 5	No change
Site plan, Dwg No 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-PL-10128 Rev P03 Sheet 4 of 5	No change
Site plan, Dwg No 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-PL-10128 Rev P03 Sheet 5 of 5	No change
Earthworks layout WCSEC, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10093 Rev P03	No change
Earthworks long section WCSEC, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10119 Rev P03	No change
ELECTRICAL LAYOUT ELEVATIONS ROWDEFIELD WEST CSE COMPOUND, Dwg No. 5417-PTDS-SUBXX-CCECW-DR-ES-20016 Rev P01	No change
ELECTRICAL LAYOUT PLAN ROWDEFIELD WEST CSE COMPOUND, Dwg No. 5417-PTDS-SUBXX-CCECW-DR-ES-20015 Rev P01	No change
Earthworks layout ECSEC, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10095 Rev P03	No change
Earthworks long section ECSEC, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10121 Rev P03	Earthworks long section ECSEC, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10121 Rev P04

Original	Proposed
ELECTRICAL LAYOUT PLAN NORTHFIELDS EAST CSE COMPOUND, Dwg No. 5417-PTDS-SUBXX-CCECE-DR-ES-20001 Rev P01	No change
ELECTRICAL LAYOUT ELEVATIONS NORTHFIELDS EAST CSE COMPOUND, Dwg No. 5417-PTDS-SUBXX-CCECE-DR-ES-20002 Rev P01	No change
Landscape Proposals Sheet Layout Sheet 1 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals Sheet Layout Sheet 1 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Landscape Proposals WCSEC Sheet Layout Sheet 2 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals WCSEC Sheet Layout Sheet 2 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Landscape Proposals Sheet 3 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals Sheet 3 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Landscape Proposals Sheet 4 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals Sheet 4 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Landscape Proposals Sheet 5 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals Sheet 5 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Landscape Proposals Sheet 6 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals Sheet 6 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Landscape Proposals Sheet 7 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals Sheet 7 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Landscape Proposals ECSEC Sheet 8 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P04	Landscape Proposals ECSEC Sheet 8 of 8, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Rev P05
Typical CSEC Permanent Access Road General Arrangement and Pavement Details, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10123 Rev P01	No change
Permanent Access Road general and Profile Layout, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVWAR-XX-DR-CGN-10115 Rev P03	No change
Permanent Access Road General and Profile Layout, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVWAR-XX-DR-CGN-10116 Rev P03	No change
Permanent Access Road General and Profile Layout, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVWAR-XX-DR-CGN-10117 Rev P02	No change

Original	Proposed
Temporary bellmouth BM06/BM07 for existing roads GA and Profile Layout, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVWAR-XX-DR-CGN-10052 Rev P03	No change
Temporary bellmouth BM08 for existing roads GA and Profile Layout, Dwg No. 5417-MMD-CIVWAR-XX-DR-CGN-10111 Rev P03	No change
<i>Condition 4. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the approved 'Landscape and Ecology Management Plan' (BIM Code: 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-RP-CGN-10129, Version P01).</i> <i>REASON: In order that the development is undertaken in an acceptable manner, to ensure adequate protection, mitigation and compensation for protected species, priority species and priority habitats.</i>	
Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) (5417-MMD-CIVXX-RP-CGN-10129, Version P01)	Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) (5417-MMD-CIVXX-RP-CGN-10129, Version P03)

Amendments:

Use of additional subsoil on site will result in an increase in the size of landscaping bunds.

It is also necessary to move a bund at the Eastern CSEC to maintain a 20m distance from the closest active entrance to an identified active badger sett and therefore avoid impacts on the sett. The proposed permanent screening bunds would be to the north and the south-west of the Proposed Eastern CSEC (see drawing 5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10024 Sheet 8).

The bund to the south-west of the Eastern CSEC will have a slope area of approximately 2,200m² and a total volume of 3,069m³. The bund to the north of the Eastern CSEC will have a slope area of approximately 2,140m² and a total volume of 2,816m³.

The changes to the bunds require conditions 2 and 4 to be varied as the following plans and documents will be changed:

- Earthworks long section ECSEC (5417-MMD-CIVXX-XX-DR-CGN-10121)
- Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP) (5417-MMD-CIVXX-RP-CGN-10129)
- Landscape Proposals (5417-MMD-CIVXX-DR-CGN-10024)

The changes to the bund may result in changes to bund seeding and plans, therefore requiring a minor update to the Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP).

We are requesting that these conditions be varied to reference the new, replacement documents, as outlined in the above table.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me using the details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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