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Reference:	EN010092 Thurrock FGP
Meeting Name:	Round Table Heritage Meeting
Meeting date:	10 February 2021
Meeting location:	Via MS Teams

Invitees

Name	Initials	Company	Role
██████████	██	Historic England	Inspector
██████████	██	Essex County Council	Principal Historic Environment Consultant
██████████	██	Essex County Council	Senior Built Heritage Consultant
██████████	██	RPS	Associate
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No.	Item	Minutes and actions
1.	Introduction	████ introduced as taking over from Hannah (who had contributed to the Procedural Deadline D submission) due to maternity leave.
2.	Where we are in the DCO process/ ExA timetable	<p>████ gave update on ExA's decision not to hold an oral PM Part 2 and to proceed with the examination starting on 17 February.</p> <p>████ summarised first stages of examination timescale including requirement for draft SoCG at Deadline 2</p> <p>████ recapped investigations to date and confirmed that a WSI would be legally binding as a DCO requirement.</p>
3.	Discussion of Outline WSI	<p>████ explained location of Lower Thames Crossing (LTC) boreholes south of railway.</p> <p>████ explained LTC trenching plans south of railway and noted evidence of Roman settlement found from trenches to date in part of Thurrock FGP 'Zone D' (gas pipeline corridor).</p> <p>All discussed route towards agreement of Outline WSI and SoCG. █████ and █████ confirmed applicant's commitment to undertaking investigation through WSI pre-construction.</p> <p>████ and █████ have comments to circulate on WSI. Suggested that more detail should be provided at this stage on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicative trenching plan • Further geo-archaeological boreholes • Timings, with sufficient time between investigation and construction • The principle of avoidance as mitigation, where feasible <p>████ and █████ discussed the legal restrictions on investigation in Walton Common. This remains an area of disagreement.</p>

■ and ■ recommended use of a contractor, such as Wessex or Oxford, that is familiar with the archaeology / landscape when carrying out the work under the WSI in due course.

Actions:

- ■ ~~to provide comments on WSI – completed, thanks~~
- ■ ~~to provide comments on WSI~~
- ■ ~~to update WSI with details as listed above~~
- ■ ~~to seek information from LTC investigations when available~~
- **All to seek an agreed approach for WSI to progress SoCG before Deadline 2**

4. Visualisations/
Settings
Assessment

■ (and previously Hannah) are fresh to the project so ■ led on visualisation comments. Existing viewpoint photography (winter/summer) and visualisations discussed with screen sharing.

■ agreed on review that the difference in winter/summer foliage in views from relevant viewpoints (including 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, 30-32) did not warrant reproducing the existing visualisations from these viewpoints on the winter photography base.

■ confirmed that the three viewpoint visualisations within Tilbury Fort are on winter photography base.

■ confirmed that wireline and photomontage had been submitted for VP24 (Shornemead Fort)

■ suggested three new baseline photographs should be taken:

- At Coalhouse Fort, slightly further west of VP31 at the corner/point on higher ground
- At St Catherine's Church, slightly further north of VP30 (subject to NC sharing further photos already taken at this location, which may indicate this is not needed)
- At Bowater's Farm AA Battery, insofar as feasible through the vegetation

■ requested that wirelines, cumulative wirelines and if appropriate photomontages (depending on level of development visibility, as indicated by wirelines) should be produced for each of these. ■ agreed.

Cumulative development visualisations discussed. The winter photography submitted shows progress of Tilbury2 demolition and construction compared to summer. This provides a useful reference when viewed alongside the cumulative wirelines submitted.

■ and ■ suggested producing cumulative wirelines of the LTC based on LTC's video fly-through published during consultation. ■ explained that accurate wirelines of LTC would need to be based on published plans/drawings from its application, which has been withdrawn so these are not available. This was a point of disagreement.

Actions:

- ■ **to take the three additional photographs and produce visualisations for them as listed above**
- **This information to be provided to the examination**

5. Next steps

See actions above + below

6. AOB

■ and ■ discussed views on the value of Walton Common as a historic landscape, including its links to other common land parcels locally, and suggested further assessment.

Actions:

- ■ **to provide link to 2015 study on historic grazing marshland**
 - ■ **to consider further assessment, which may be provided in response to the Inspector's questions**
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