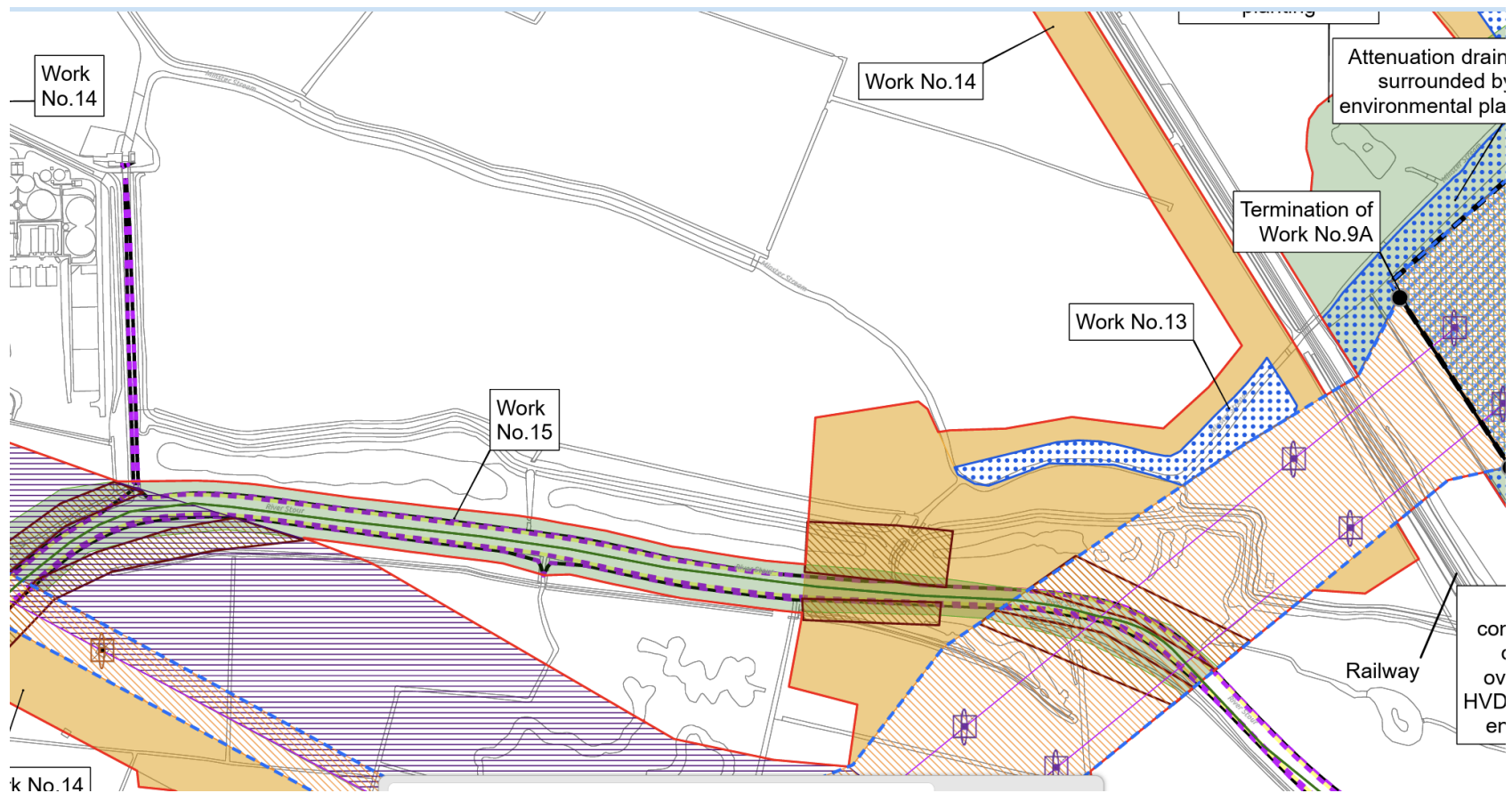


This is where George Cooper has identified the probable beaver lodge where the Minster Stream joins the River Stour. George Cooper has a CL52 Beaver licence and as such has had extensive training and experience of beavers. He hopes the project will not force him to have to use his licence for the removal of dead beavers.



It appears from REP4-007 2.5.2. Works Plans Kent page 4 sheet 2 that the entrance to the Minster Stream is marked for special attention. In addition, Work no. 15 mitigation which is vague across the whole project is not detailed and is not required here as it will interfere and cause disturbance to the beaver habitat.

The following three images were taken at the location shown on first page taken 29 March 2026, by George Cooper in response to the request from Dr Richard Hunt from the Examining Authority during ISH3.



*Figure 1 : Beaver channel to River Stour taken 29 March 2026*



*Figure 2 : Beaver trail going under a large patch of brambles taken 29 March 2026*

This is the likely location of the beaver lodge.



Figure 3 : Beaver activity evidence the other side of the bramble patch taken 29 March 2026

We have turn to the **Draft DCO Document REP-005** for the only reference to what the Works Nos could mean on the ground and find very little detail there.

REP-005 **EN020026-002935-3.1(H) draft Development Consent Order** page 60 states

“Work No. 12 – Kent Overhead Line Works Works as shown on Sheets 1 and 2 of the Works Plans – Kent comprising removal and modification works to existing overhead electric line, and the construction and installation of new overhead electric line from Work No.11 near Minster and the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead electric line, which may include —

(a) temporary work areas and laydown areas associated with the installation and pulling of overhead electric cables;

(b) temporary culverts and/or bridges over other water courses;”

We have to turn to the Footpath document **CR1-011 2.7: Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans** to see any detail and guess what is going on here – see over page.

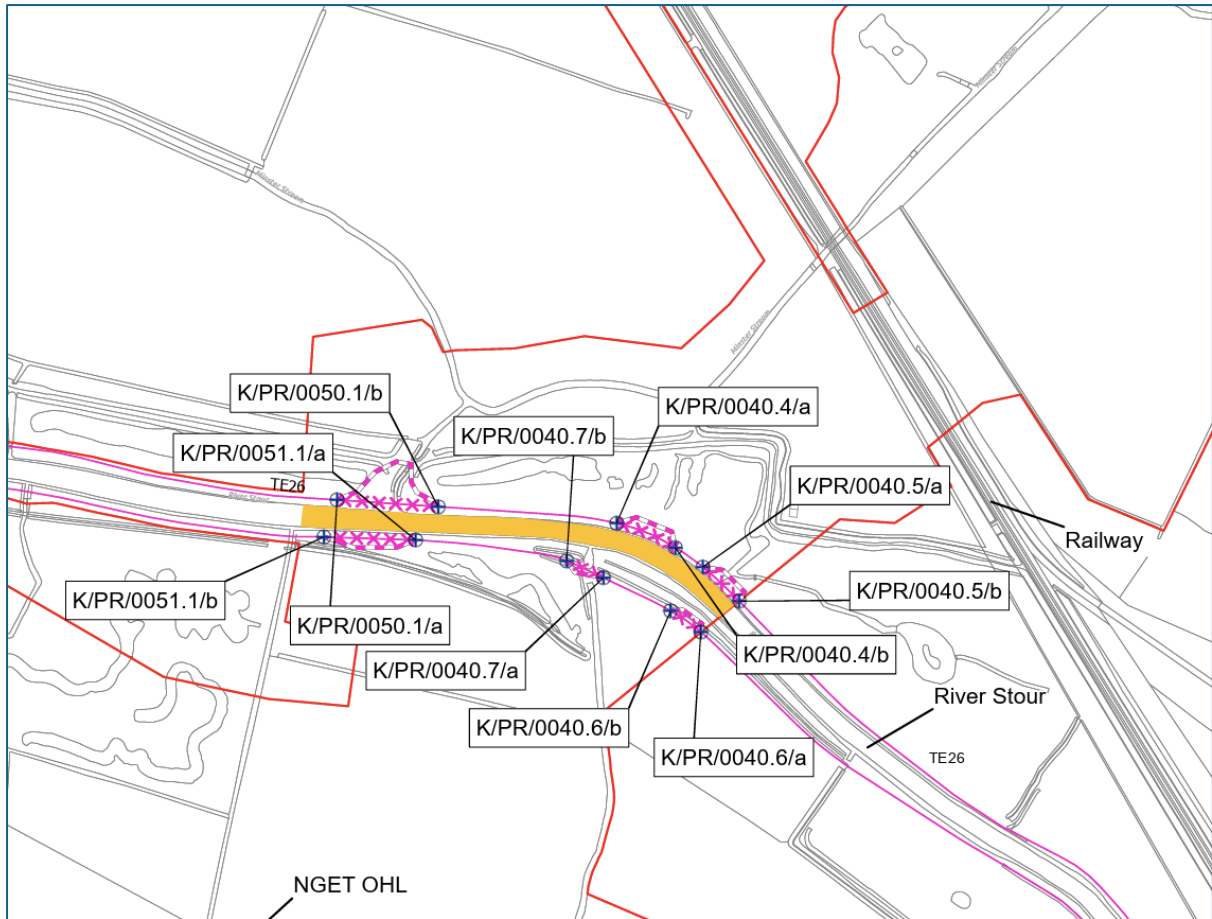


Figure 4: Extract from page 19 of CR1-011

We can only assume that the stopping up of the footpath TE26 and the work on the other side of the river, stopping up the Saxon Shore Way is for bridge construction – just where the beaver lodge activity is shown.

The concentration of work in this area for up to 4 years will be an unacceptable disturbance to protected wildlife habitat.