

**Application Ref: NP/20/0222/FUL**

<b>Case Officer</b>	Andrew Richards		
<b>Applicant</b>	Mr T Brinicombe		
<b>Agent</b>	Ms N Queffurus, ARUP		
<b>Proposal</b>	Installation of underground electricity cables (including below ground jointing bays and one above ground link pillar) and underground fibre optic cables; temporary construction compound and construction haul roads.		
<b>Site Location</b>	Linear site extending from the intertidal sand flats at Freshwater West to Neath Farm, Rhoscrowther, Pembroke, Pembrokeshire		
<b>Grid Ref</b>	SM88860080		
<b>Date Valid</b>	24-Apr-2020	<b>Target Date</b>	13-Aug-2020

**Application Background**

The application seeks planning permission for the above proposed works and the site extends from the mean low water mark at Freshwater West beach to the National Park boundary near Neath Farm. The total site area comprises a mixture of beach, sand dunes, access roads and farmland.

The proposal includes Permanent HVDC Cables - Two permanent HVDC electricity cables, installed underground from the landfall site at Freshwater West to the boundary with Pembrokeshire County Council at Neath Farm over an area of approximately 3.2km including below ground joint bays at intervals along the route and one above ground link pillar no greater than 1.3m in height; Permanent Fibre Optic Cables - Permanent fibre optic cables for communication and control purposes, laid underground with the HVDC from the landfall site at Freshwater West to the boundary with PCC at Neath Farm; Temporary Landfall HDD Compound - A temporary Landfall HDD Compound at Freshwater West, from which the HVDC cables would be installed below the beach and sand dunes at Freshwater West by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). The compound would also act as the primary construction compound for cable installation within PCNPA; Temporary Construction Haul Roads - A series of temporary haul roads installed along the HVDC cable route from Freshwater West to Neath Farm, where the local high network cannot be utilised for installation and to access the temporary landfall HDD compound.

The application is EIA development, classed as a major development and is of public interest, as such, it is requested that Members consider a Committee site visit to review the site and its surroundings prior to consideration of the planning application at a subsequent Committee Meeting.

Given the current situation with COVID-19 it is proposed that the site visit will be undertaken through video conferencing facilities to provide Members a virtual site visit experience.

**Recommendation**

Members to agree to a virtual Committee site visit at a time to be confirmed.