

**Consultation Advice**

R/2019/0331/SCP

**SCOPING OPINION FOR PROPOSED PORT BASED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE OFFSHORE MARINE ENERGY SECTOR (OFFSHORE WIND TURBINES)**

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**Land at South Bank Wharf, South Bank**

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1. This proposal should be assessed for environmental impacts on the cultural heritage in accordance with the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The cultural heritage chapter of the relevant EA should be required to consider (a) both the direct and indirect archaeological impacts to all designated heritage assets and their settings; and (b) the direct and indirect effects on non-designate heritage assets and their settings. A sufficiently large zone of archaeological interest should be considered for the assessment of both designated and non-designated assets. This zone is likely to be of a minimum 2km radius from the application site, and in relation to impacts on setting is likely to be considerably larger.
2. The cultural heritage chapter should be compiled in accordance with the standards and methodologies found in the relevant, current standards and guidance published by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists for the compilation of Desk-Based Archaeological Assessments and the Design Manual for Highways and Bridges published by Highways England, or such comparable standard and methodology of assessment.
3. Likely significant effects should be established in all cases through the consideration of baseline conditions in relation to the scheme and its elements that could cause cultural heritage impacts. Baseline conditions will be the existing environmental conditions.
4. Cumulative impacts of the scheme with other prevailing or reasonably apparent impacts should be considered.
5. The cultural heritage assessment should be informed by the relevant national policies for the heritage contained in the National Planning Policy Framework (revised 2018), and in particular the policy found in the following paragraphs of the NPPF: 189, 190, 193, 194, 196, 197, and 199.
6. Relevant local planning policy is found in the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan, policy HE 3 (Archaeological Sites and Monuments) and HE 2.
7. Guidance with specific reference to the potential impacts of piling on archaeological assets (although not particularly on piling in marine environments) can be found in the Historic England publication *Piling and Archaeology: Guidance and Good Practice* (March 2019).
8. Following assessment of impacts according to appropriate standards, and in accordance with

policy objectives and priorities, the assessment should then also consider potential mitigation measures to address those impacts, and in particular indicate whether in the case of each impact whether mitigation requires preservation *in situ* of relevant assets or whether some other mitigation of impacts is considered appropriate.

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