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Friday, 28 June 2024

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Asset Protection
Gas Transmission
National Grid
Warwick
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National Grid Electricity – Moderate Response Letter

Dear Sir/ Madam,

An assessment has been carried out with respect to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's apparatus and the proposed work location. Based on the location entered into the system for assessment the area has been found to be outside the High Risk zone from National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's apparatus and can proceed. Should the work area change or type of activity being undertaken, a new enquiry must be submitted for assessment.

Please carefully read the guidance notes on the next pages.

You will have received cable route drawings if your enquiry is located within the Medium Risk zone from National Grid Electricity Transmission buried assets. Please familiarise yourself with the location of these assets and should the works location change a new enquiry must be submitted for assessment.

Please note this response and any attached map(s) are valid for 28 days from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

Asset Protection Team

Your Responsibilities and Obligations

The "Assessment" Section below outlines the detailed requirements that must be followed when planning or undertaking your activities at this location.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the information you have submitted is accurate and that all relevant documents including links are provided to all persons (either direct labour or contractors) working for you near National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's apparatus, e.g. as contained within the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations.

This assessment solely relates to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET)

This assessment does **NOT** include:

- National Grid's legal interest (easements or wayleaves) in the land which restricts activity in proximity to National Grid's assets in private land. You must obtain details of any such restrictions from the landowner in the first instance and if in doubt contact Asset Protection.
- Recently installed apparatus
- National Grid Gas plc.
- Apparatus owned by other organisations, e.g. Cadent, other gas distribution operators, local electricity companies, other utilities, etc.

It is **YOUR** responsibility to take into account whether the items listed above may be present and if they could be affected by your proposed activities.

This communication does not constitute any formal agreement or consent for any proposed development work; either generally or with regard to National Grid Electricity Transmission plc easements or wayleaves nor any planning or building regulations applications.

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc or their agents, servants or contractors do not accept any liability for any losses arising under or in connection with this information. This limit on liability applies to all and any claims in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation (excluding fraudulent misrepresentation), breach of statutory duty or otherwise. This limit on liability does not exclude or restrict liability where prohibited by the law nor does it supersede the express terms of any related agreements.

If you require further assistance please contact the Asset Protection team via e-mail (assetprotection@nationalgrid.com) or via the contact details at the top of this response.

GUIDANCE

National Grid Electricity Transmission Network data

- The Network map for National Grid Electricity Transmission assets can be downloaded at the following link in GIS format.

Overhead Lines

- National Grid's Overhead Line/s is protected by a Deed of Easement/Wayleave Agreement which provides full right of access to retain, maintain, repair and inspect our asset.
- The submitted proposed design does not change after the date of this letter. Any design change that moves the proposal closer to National Grid Overhead Line Assets shall be submitted for assessment.
- Statutory electrical safety clearances shall be maintained at all times. National Grid recommends that no permanent structures are built directly beneath our overhead lines. These distances are set out in EN 43 – 8 Technical Specification for "Overhead Line Clearances Issue 5 (2019). To purchase & download EN 43 – 8 Technical Specification for "Overhead Line Clearances Issue 5 (2019) go to <https://www.ena-eng.org/ENA-Docs/>
- Any changes in ground levels which are proposed either beneath or in close proximity to our existing overhead lines would serve to reduce safety clearances. Safety clearances to existing overhead lines must be maintained in all circumstances.
- To view the Development Near Overhead Lines Document.
<https://www.nationalgridet.com/document/130626/download>
- To view the National Grid Third Party Guidance for working near National Grid Electricity Transmission equipment.
<https://www.nationalgridet.com/sites/et/files/documents/Working%20near%20electricity%20equipment.pdf>
- The relevant guidance in relation to working safely near to existing overhead lines is contained within the Health and Safety Executive's (www.hse.gov.uk) Guidance Note GS 6 "Avoidance of Danger from Overhead Electric Lines."
- If a landscaping scheme is proposed as part of the proposal, only slow and low growing species of trees and shrubs shall be planted beneath and adjacent to the existing overhead line to reduce the risk of growth to a height which compromises statutory safety clearances.
- Drilling or excavation works shall not be undertaken if they have the potential to disturb or adversely affect the foundations or "pillars of support" of our towers. These foundations extend beyond the base of the tower. Pillar of Support drawings shall be obtained using the contact details above.
- Due to the scale, bulk and cost of the transmission equipment required to operate at 275kV or 400kV we only support proposals for the relocation of existing high voltage overhead lines where such proposals directly facilitate a major development or infrastructure project of national importance which has been identified as such by government.
- To promote the successful development of sites crossed by existing overhead lines, and the creation of well-designed places, National Grid has produced 'Design guidelines for development near pylons and high voltage overhead power lines', which look at how to create high quality development near overhead lines and offer practical solutions which can assist in avoiding the unnecessary sterilisation of land in the vicinity of high voltage overhead lines.

- Further information regarding our undergrounding policy and development near transmission overhead lines is available on our website at: <https://www.nationalgridet.com/network-and-assets/planning-and-development>

Buried Cables

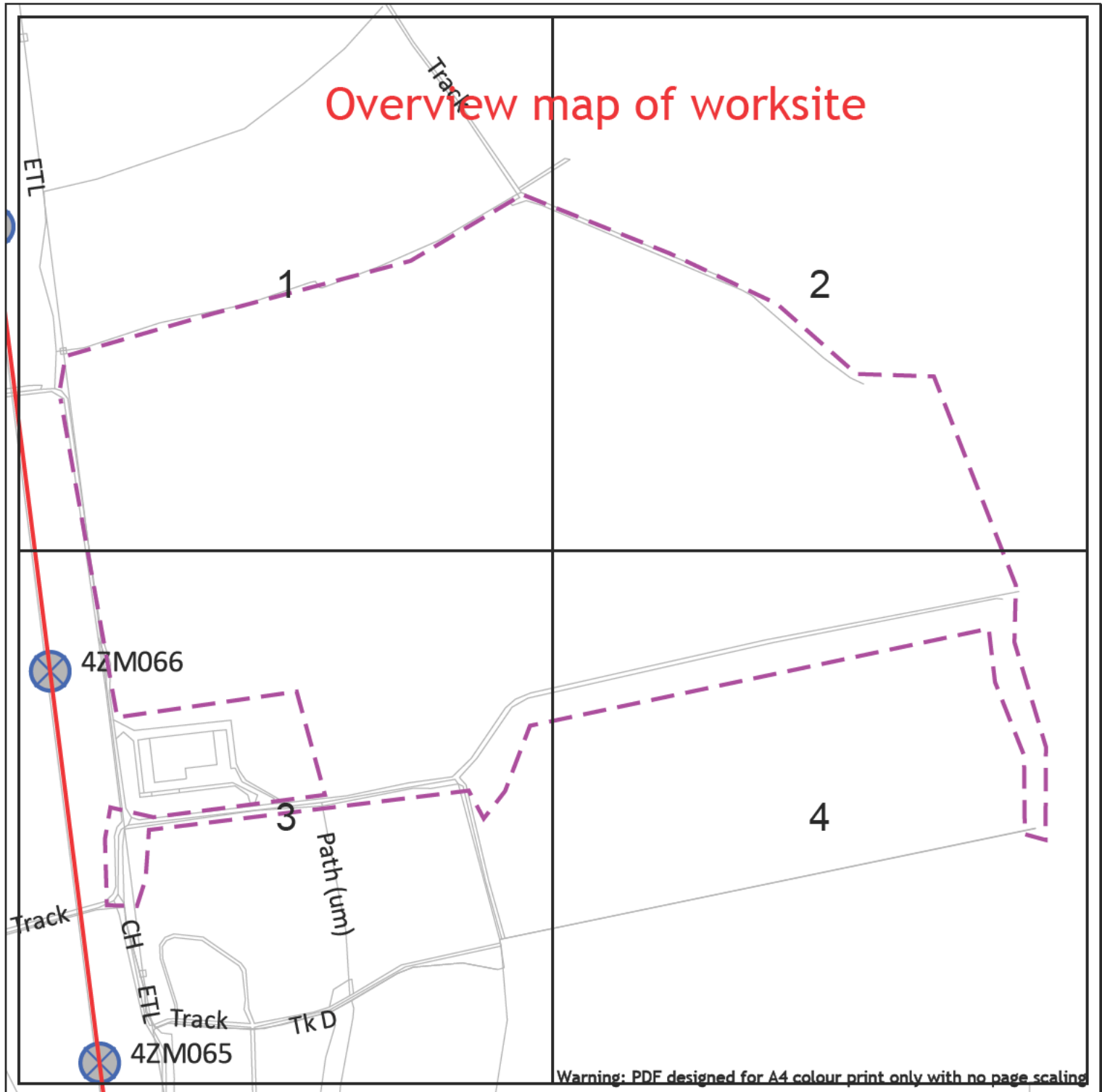
- National Grid's underground cables are protected by a Deed of grant; Easement; Wayleave Agreement or the provisions of the New Roads and Street Works Act. Which provide full right of access to retain, maintain, repair and inspect our asset. Hence we require that no permanent structures are to be built over our cables or within the easement strip.
- Ground levels above our cables must not be altered in any way. Any alterations to the depth of our cables will subsequently alter the rating of the circuit and can compromise the reliability, efficiency and safety of our electricity network.
- The supplied detailed route records should not be taken as positive indication of the cable location. This can only be determined by digging trial holes. Where trial holes are dug the concrete and / or polymeric cable protection tiles must not be disturbed.
- The normal recommendation is to keep 2 metres clear either side of the 1 metre wide trench containing the AC cable.
- National Grid should be made aware of the works starting and may put in place a representative to monitor the works. The works should be carried out in accordance with the recommendations in document HS (G) 47 available from the HSE web site.
- The relocation of existing underground cables is not normally feasible on grounds of cost, operation and maintenance and environmental impact and we believe that successful development can take place in their vicinity.
- The information supplied is given in good faith and only as a guide to the location of our underground cables. The accuracy of this information cannot be guaranteed. The physical presence of such cables may also be evident from physical protection measures such as ducts or concrete protection tiles. The person(s) responsible for planning, supervising and carrying out work in proximity to our cable(s) shall be liable to us, as cable(s) owner, as well as to any third party who may be affected in any way by any loss or damage resulting from their failure to locate and avoid any damage to such a cable(s).
- The relevant guidance in relation to working safely near to existing underground cables is contained within the Health and Safety Executive's (www.hse.gov.uk) Guidance HS(G)47 "Avoiding Danger From Underground Services" and all relevant site staff should make sure that they are both aware of and understand this guidance.
- Our cables are normally buried to a depth of 0.9 metres to the protective covers but this depth can vary depending on location (bridges may have cables 100mm below surface level)..The specific cable route record drawings show further details along the route of the particular cable. The cable route drawings are attached to this letter for your information.
- Cables installed in cable tunnels, whilst less likely to be affected by surface or shallow works may be affected by activities such as piling.
- National Grid assets can be adversely affected by vibration and can provide guidance on the acceptable levels of vibration due to piling and other construction related operations in the vicinity of national grid assets
- Ground cover above our cables should not be reduced or increased without consultation with National Grid.

- If a landscaping scheme is proposed as part of the works, we request that no trees and shrubs are planted either directly above or within 3 metres of the existing underground cable, as ultimately the roots may grow to cause damage to the cable.

Cables Tunnels

- National Grid's underground cable tunnels are protected by the provisions of a Wayleave/Easement or the New Roads and Street Works Act. This provides full right of access to retain, maintain, repair and inspect our asset.
- Further information and guidance regarding National Grid Cable Tunnels is available on our website at [\[REDACTED\]](#)
- National Grid requires that the clearances indicated in the guidance document linked above are maintained at all times. Should it be necessary to enter the exclusion zone discussion/ agreement with National Grid is required to ensure the integrity of their tunnel asset and the high voltage cables is not compromised.
- Ground levels above our cable tunnels must not be altered in any way without prior agreement with National Grid; any alterations to the depth of our tunnels can compromise its integrity which could have an adverse impact on the reliability, efficiency and safety of our electricity network.
- Any works which would create high levels of vibration such as piling would need to be assessed by National Grid to ensure it has limited impact on our cable tunnels. National Grid can advise on acceptable vibration limits.

Overview map of worksite



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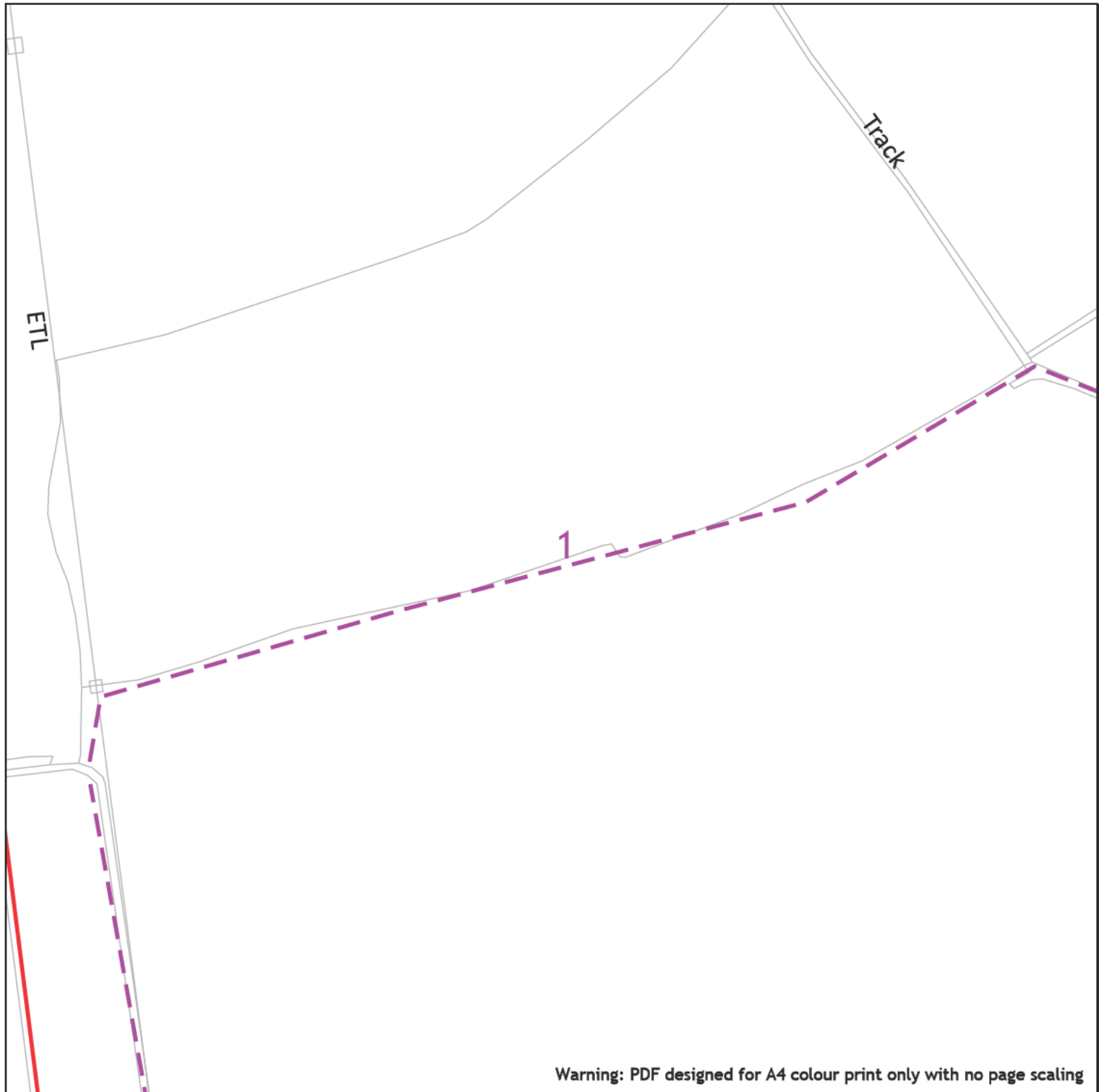
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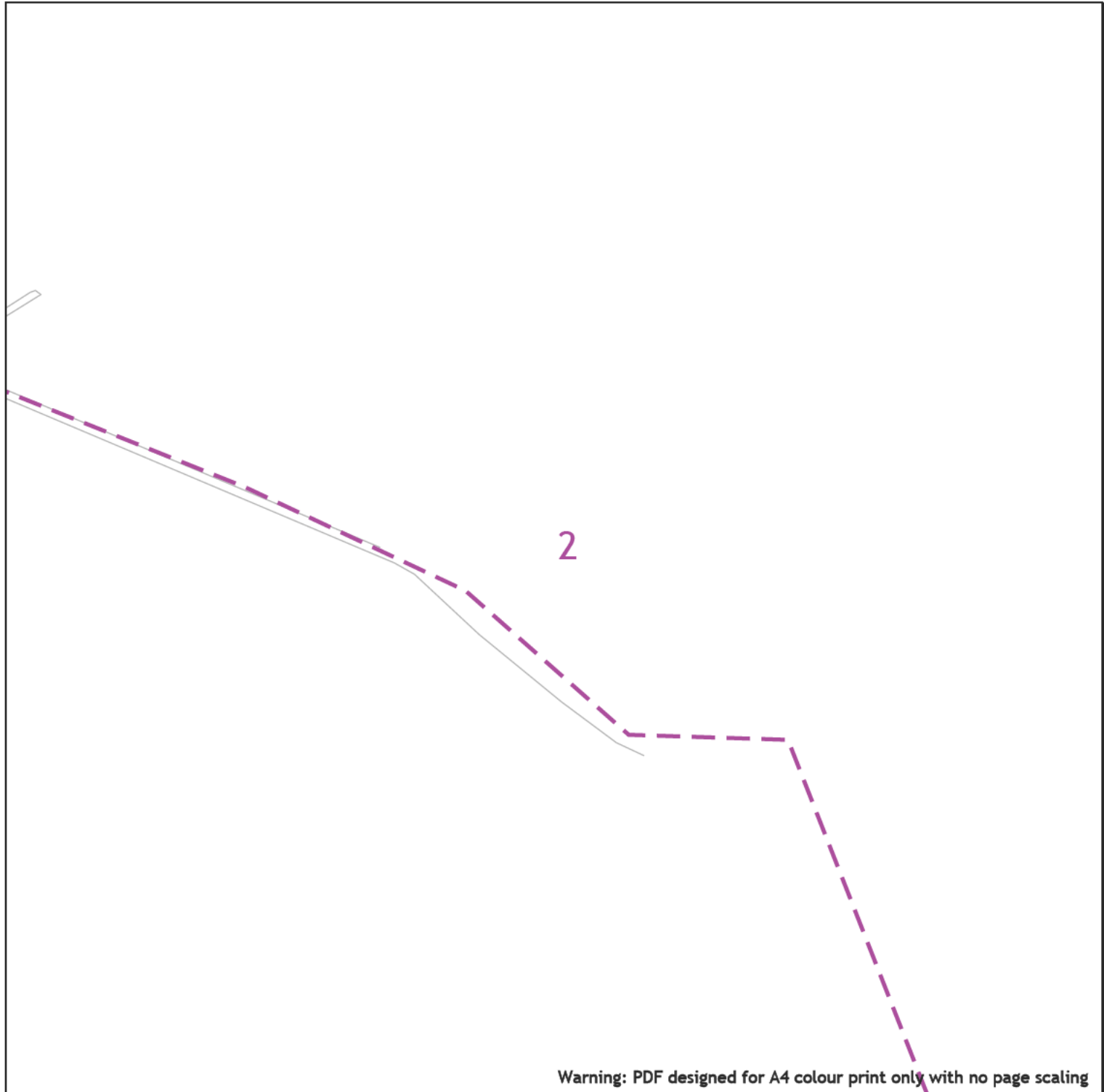
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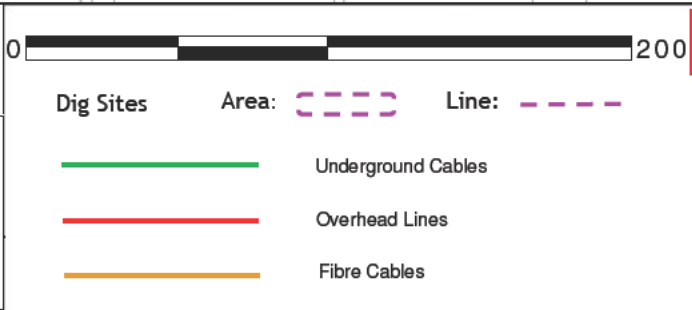


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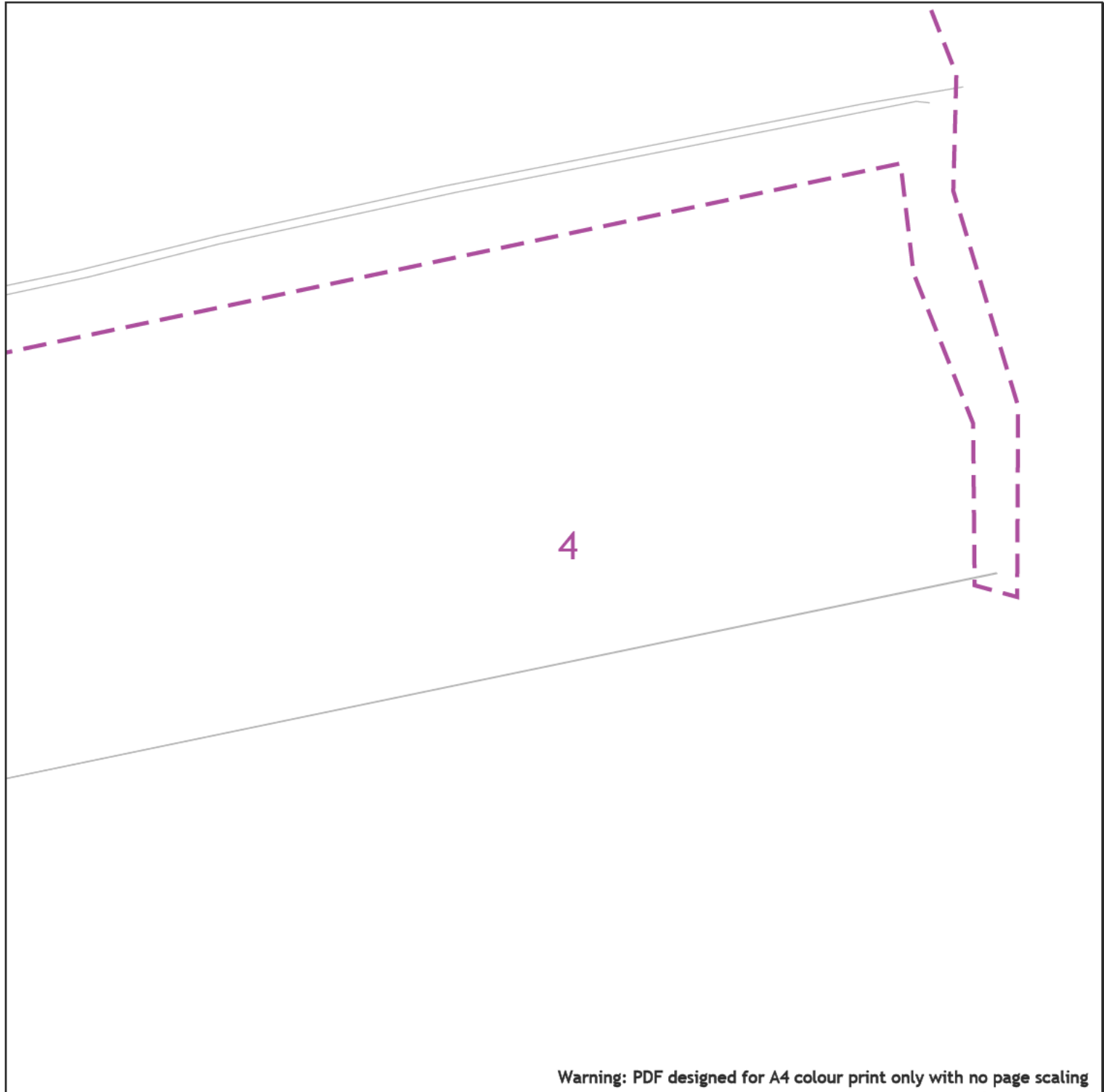
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ENQUIRY SUMMARY

Received Date

28/06/2024 12:53

Work Start Date

29/06/2024

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Location

Centre Point: 546881 223018

X Extent:

Y Extent:

Postcode: CM231JG

Map Options

Paper Size: A4

Orientation: PORTRAIT

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Real World Extents: 922m x 665m

Enquirer Details

Organisation Name: Uttlesford District Council

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Email Address: planning@uttlesford.gov.uk

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Address: Council Offices London Road, , ESS, CB11 4ER

Enquiry Type

Initial Enquiry

Activity Type

Planning Applications

Work Types

Solar Farm

Notes/Works Description (if supplied)

Site Contact Name (if supplied)

Site Contact Number (if supplied)