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Hatfield - Thorpe Marsh Overhead Power Lines

Client

Powerfuel Power UK

Location

Hatfield South Yorkshire

Services Provided

Archaeology

Date of Completion

Summer 2009

Key Issues

Assessment of potential archaeological implications.

Urgent resolution of consultee objections.

CgMs were commissioned to provide additional consultancy support to support an application under Section 37 of the Electricity Act for a new overhead power line linking Hatfield Power Park with the national grid substation at Thorpe Marsh, Doncaster. The power line runs over a 8.8km route and will require construction of 29 pylon towers.

The power line route crosses a landscape with high archaeological value, within the floodplain of the River Don. The extent of known archaeological remains within the power line corridor was likely to be under-represented due to the presence of extensive floodplain alluvial deposits.

The environmental impact of the scheme had been assessed in an Environmental Statement prepared by other consultants and previously submitted with the application. CgMs was appointed to provide additional consultancy support to resolve concerns raised by the local authority's archaeological advisors in response to consultation.

CgMs entered into negotiations with the local authority's archaeological advisory service to agree the scope of additional information that would be required to support a resubmitted application.

CgMs prepared an additional assessment of the scheme's archaeological implications. This was based around mapping of surface geology and borehole information to create a deposit model; an additional review of archaeological information for the power line route; and a more precise assessment of the nature and extent of scheme impacts.

The information and advice provided by CgMs successfully resolved previous objections to the scheme and allow the application to be resubmitted.

Limited programme of archaeological investigation will be required during the construction phase

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