



Restrictions on Public Access to the Causeway

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1 RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE CAUSEWAY

1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document sets out how the Applicant proposes to restrict unauthorised access to the causeway. This is necessary to:
- prevent disturbance to protected species, such as birds feeding nearby, from any recreational use of the causeway (e.g. paddle boarding); and
 - prevent trespassing on the Applicant's private structure and any consequent danger to the public.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant is also aware of a proposal by Natural England to improve public access to the coast from Tilbury to Southend-on-Sea¹ in future by creating a section of coast path (broadly following the existing local Footpath 146 alignment in this location) and also designating areas of access to the margin of coastal land.
- 1.1.3 However, the proposed causeway would be constructed in the area of coastal land that is marked as being "*Proposed long term access exclusion, Unsuitable for Public Access, Section 25A, No Public Access, Year round*" (see Map TSE E1 in Natural England's Overview Report of the proposals²) and therefore a right of public access (beyond the existing public right of way itself) is understood not to be proposed at this location.
- 1.1.4 In any case, the causeway would form part of works used for the purposes of a statutory undertaking under s.6(1) of the Electricity Act and would therefore be excluded from public access under Schedule 1 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

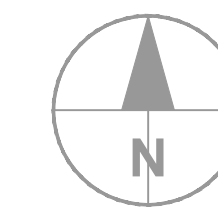
1.2 Measures to restrict access

- 1.2.1 A 2.5 m high palisade security fence and gate will be installed at the landward end of the causeway to prevent access onto it from the footpath. The fencing will be positioned inland of the inter-tidal zone so that access onto the causeway would not be possible without wading through the soft mud at this location. An illustrative drawing of the fence design and location is shown in the following section.
- 1.2.2 Signs stating that the causeway is privately owned and forbidding access will be placed at the landward end (on the fence) and at the seaward end of the causeway to discourage access via the water, for example from recreational watercraft.
- 1.2.3 Should significant unauthorised use causing danger or disturbance become apparent to Thurrock Power Ltd during the causeway life, consideration would then be given to additional measures which could include CCTV monitoring and active enforcement against trespassing.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/england-coast-path-tilbury-to-southend-on-sea>, accessed 30/10/20

² https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/867233/tilbury-southend-on-sea-overview.PDF, accessed 30/10/20

2 ILLUSTRATIVE FENCING DESIGN

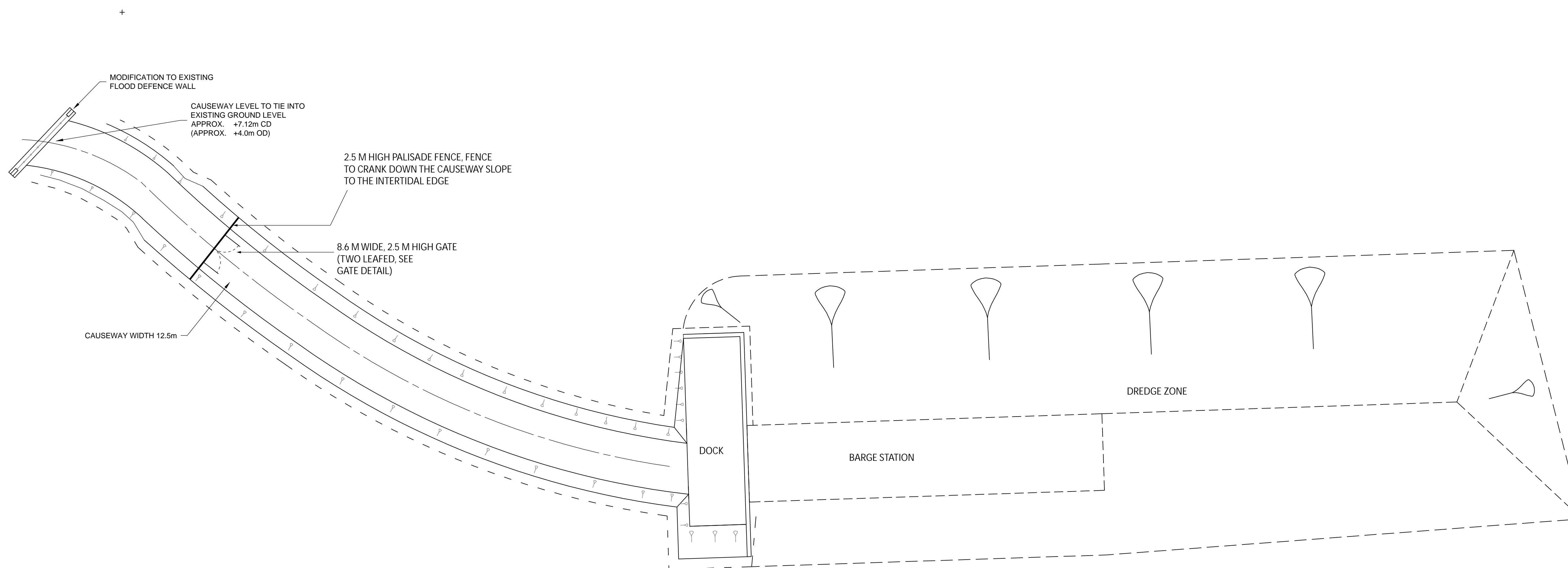


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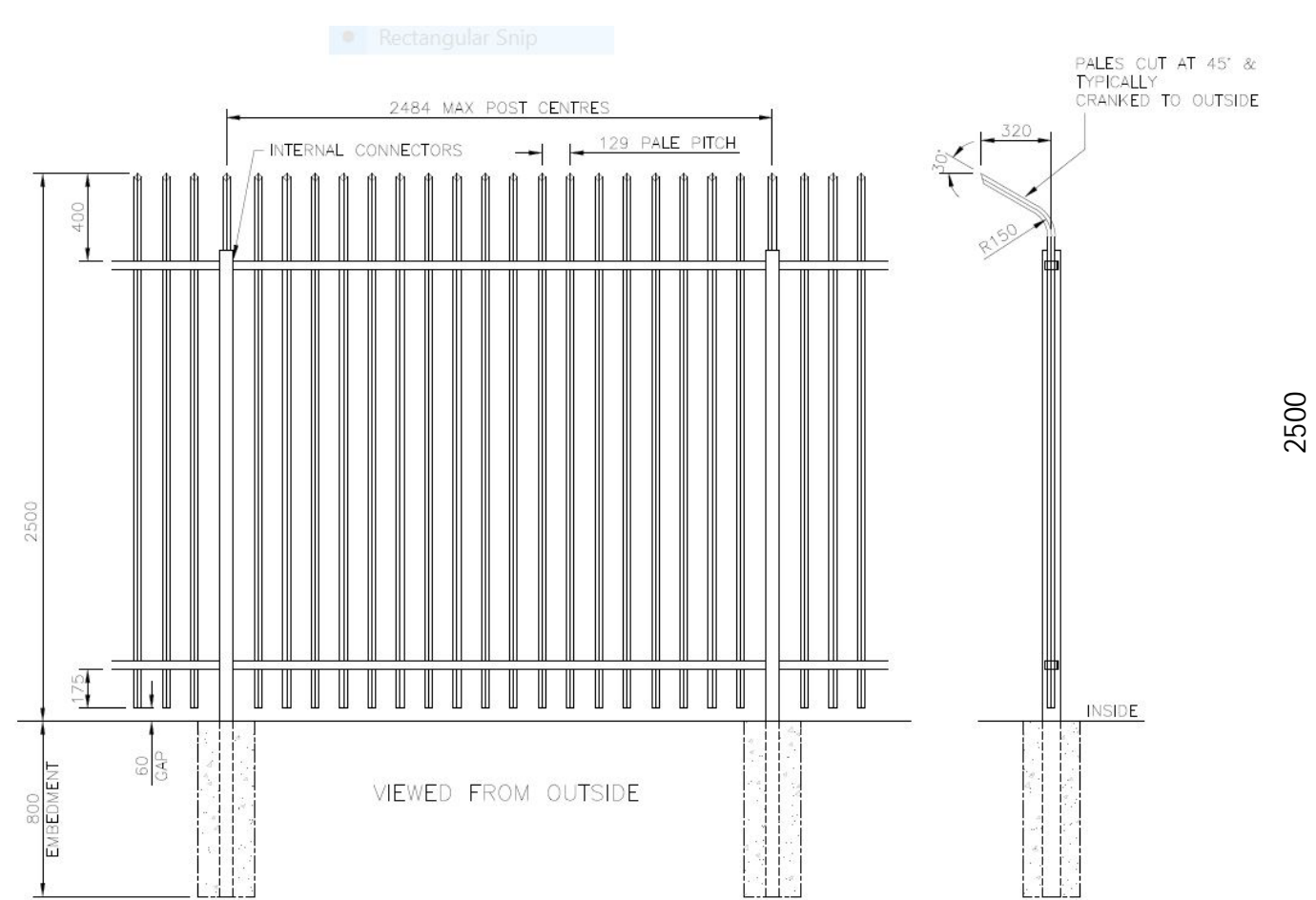
GATE AND FENCING TO BE GALVANISED,
POWDER COATED DARK GREEN AND
FINISHED WITH A MARINE ENVIRONMENT
PROTECTIVE COATING.

GATES TO BE SECURED WITH A PADLOCK
OR OTHER LOCKING DEVICE

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FENCE PANEL DETAIL

GATE DETAIL

PROJECT:
THURROCK POWER LTD

DRAWING:
GATE AND FENCING TO
SECURE THE CAUSEWAY

DWG NO:
TP_CFD_01

SCALE:
NTS, REFER TO DIMENSIONS

DATE:
28.10.20