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David,

Our rather belated response to this scoping consultation is as set out below.

The memorandum entitled 'HaskoningDHV UK Ltd, South Bank port facility – Environmental Impact Assessment scoping review' (Reference PC1084-RHD-SB-EN-NT-EV-1106), proposes the following steps with regard to archaeological assets affected by the development proposal.

### **4.7. Marine and terrestrial archaeology**

*An archaeological desk-based assessment will be undertaken to establish the nature and extent of known and potential archaeological resource within the marine environment (submerged prehistory, maritime and aviation archaeology). This will draw from the findings of the studies undertaken as part of the landside EIA, as well as information from publicly available studies previously undertaken for consented schemes in the Tees. The findings of an archaeological review of vibrocore / borehole logs will inform the assessment.*

*A settings assessment will be undertaken to determine any impacts to heritage receptors as a result of the proposed quay infrastructure, drawing from the findings of the landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA) (detailed in Section 4.13).*

*We understand that built heritage was scoped out of the landside EIA and therefore we propose to liaise with RCBC planning department to confirm if the same approach can be undertaken for the landside parts of the marine EIA.*

*Consultation with Historic England and RCBC will be undertaken to confirm that the potential for harm to the significance of heritage assets is appropriately assessed and that mitigation recommendations are both appropriate and proportionate to the level of potential impact.*

This follows consultation on scoping of the EIA with the MMO.

In general we agree with the statement within the memorandum that marine heritage is likely to be limited by dredging within the immediate area of the proposed dock facilities. Archaeological review of borehole logs is welcome, as part of the heritage assessment. (This is an issue that we mentioned in our response to consultation on the landside proposal – although in that instance in relation to identification of archaeological potential of former mudflats and marsh, rather than the currently existing marine and quayside environment.)

In addition, the archaeological desk-based assessment should indicate in relation to wreck sites whether these are situated within an area of proposed new dredging (either for construction or on-going channel maintenance).

Kind regards,

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