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Our ref: P01276590

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Dear Ms Hart

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**PORTLAND PORT, CASTLETOWN, PORTLAND DT5 1PP
Application No. WP/20/00692/DCC**

Historic England Advice

Thank you for consulting us on the *Updated Access Path Strategy Paper* dated February 2023 with further correspondence regarding the application for the construction of an energy recovery facility with ancillary buildings and works including administrative facilities, gatehouse and weighbridge, parking and circulation areas, cable routes to ship berths and existing off-site electrical sub-station, with site access through Portland Port from Castletown (Ref WP/20/00692/DCC).

The path is intended to be secured through a s106 obligation in respect to the heritage mitigation strategy, alongside the clearance of scrub around the scheduled East Battery (NHLE 10024212) which is currently on our Heritage at Risk Register to allow for the repair and ongoing maintenance of the scheduled site.

Portland Port have said the provision of a 2m high fence either side of the path will be necessary as the Port is a secure site. We have concerns that if intrusive security style fencing is used it could cause additional harm to the setting of the scheduled site.

We appreciate that fencing may be necessary in some areas for security but have concerns regarding fencing the entire route as proposed within the *Updated Access Path Strategy Paper* dated February 2023. We would be happy to discuss the proposals on site.

Please note that Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC) will be necessary where any fencing is proposed within the scheduled East Battery. An application for SMC must be made to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport before any work can be carried out and written consent must be obtained. Historic England administers this



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process on behalf of DCMS.

In response to the letter from John Trehay of Terence O'Rourke dated 9 February 2023 (Ref 262701). We refer you back to our letter dated February 2023 which summarises our position.

It is for your authority to decide if planning permission is required for a fence and if the heritage mitigation strategy proposed is sufficient to outweigh the harm from the development of the energy recycling facility within the setting of a number of highly designated heritage assets.

Yours sincerely



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