

# Ground investigation for land redevelopment & Big infrastructure projects

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# Trends, developments in NL for big infrastructure projects: Groundinvestigation - Why

## Initiators

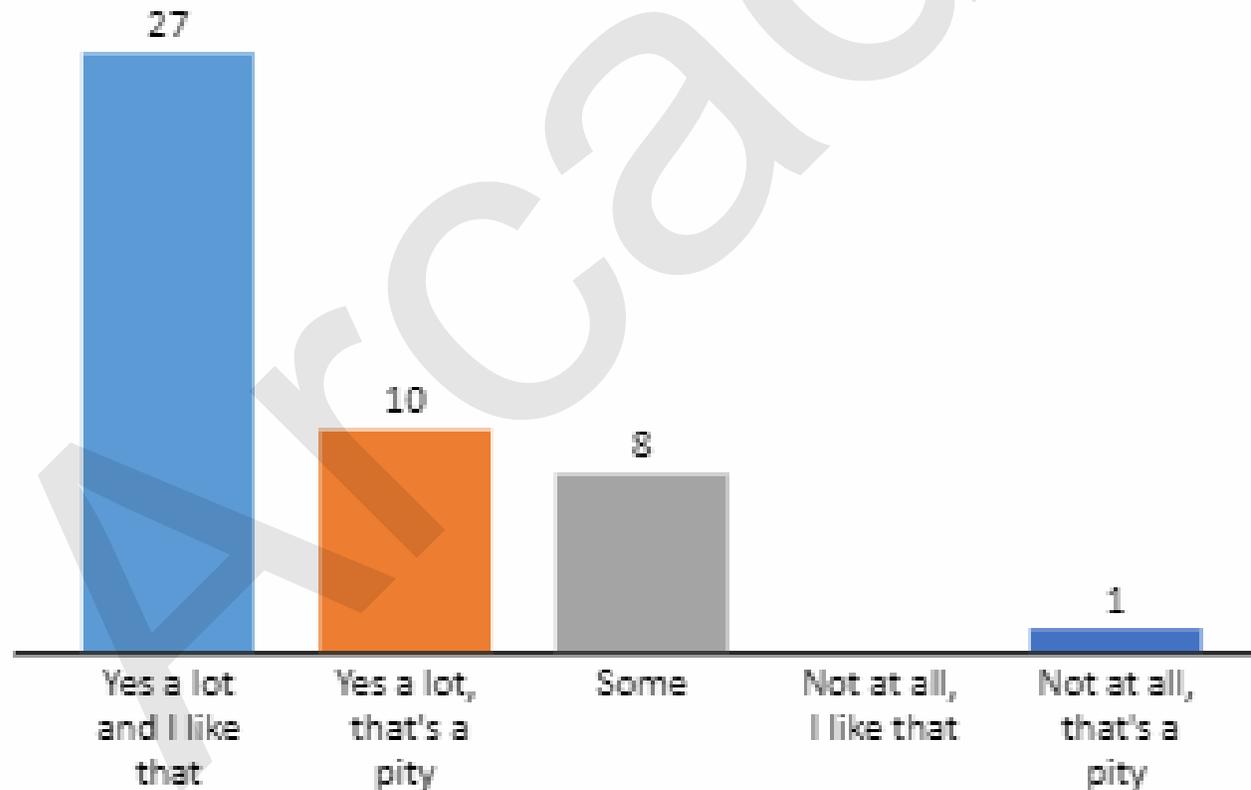
Economical/political/societal developments:

- Energy transition: grid extension, H2 (hydrogen), heat etc
- European Water Framework Directive: measures in land and sediment to improve water quality
- Site (re)development, buildings, infrastructure

## Why Ground investigation in those projects?

- Safely working in and handling of ground/groundwater
- Complying with environmental rules and legislation (handling with, re-use and disposal of ground and groundwater)
- Determination of cost and planning of projects

# Do you have any guidelines for executing Ground investigations?





# Trends, developments in NL for big infrastructure projects

## Trends in our projects

- Standardisation and digitalisation versus consultancy for specific complex situations
- Re-use of data
- Projects getting bigger and more complex (including (local) legislation)
- Ground investigation (environmental quality) in combination with other disciplines (UXO (unexploded ordnances), archaeology, ecology, physical ground characteristics, healthy soil etc...)

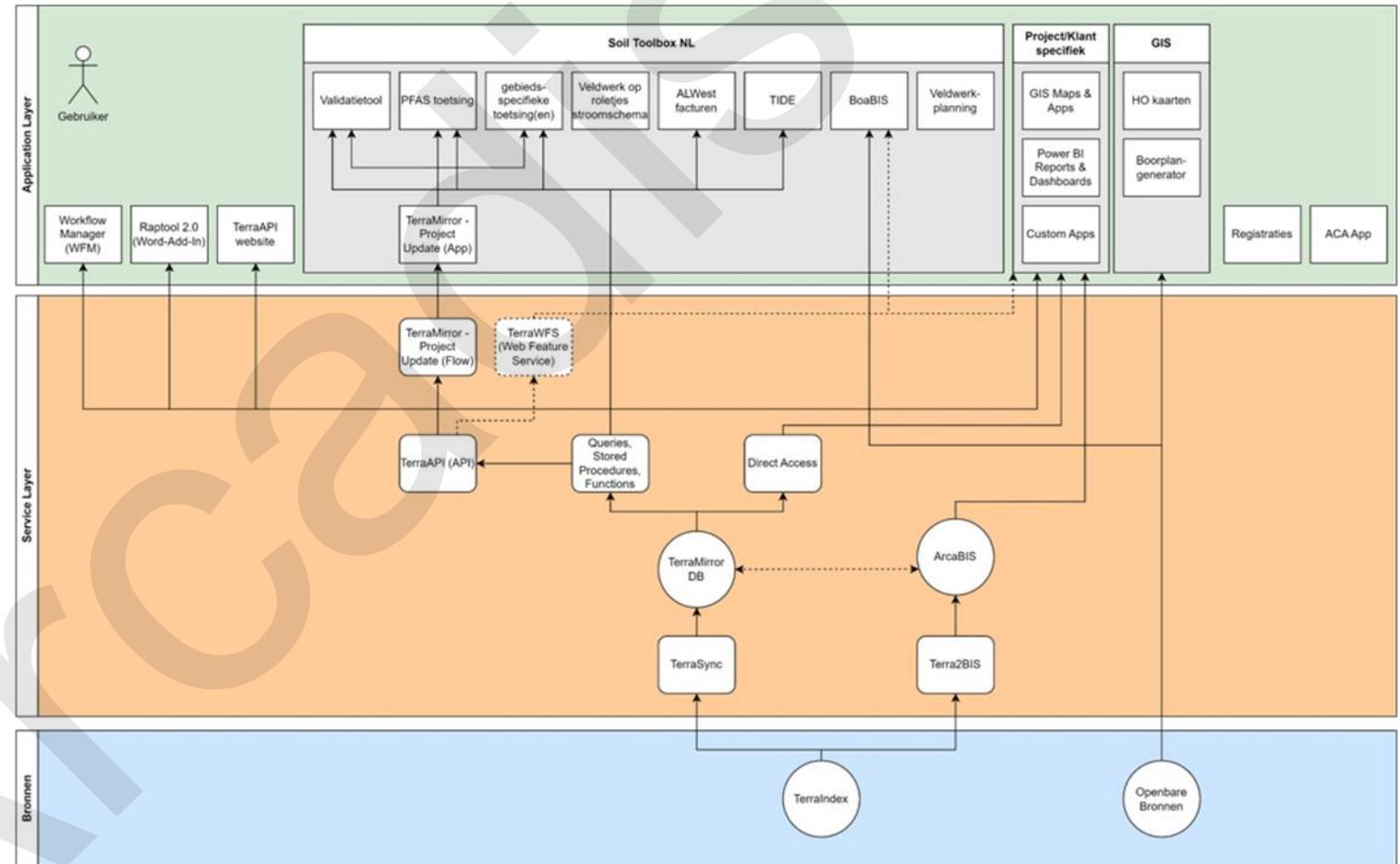
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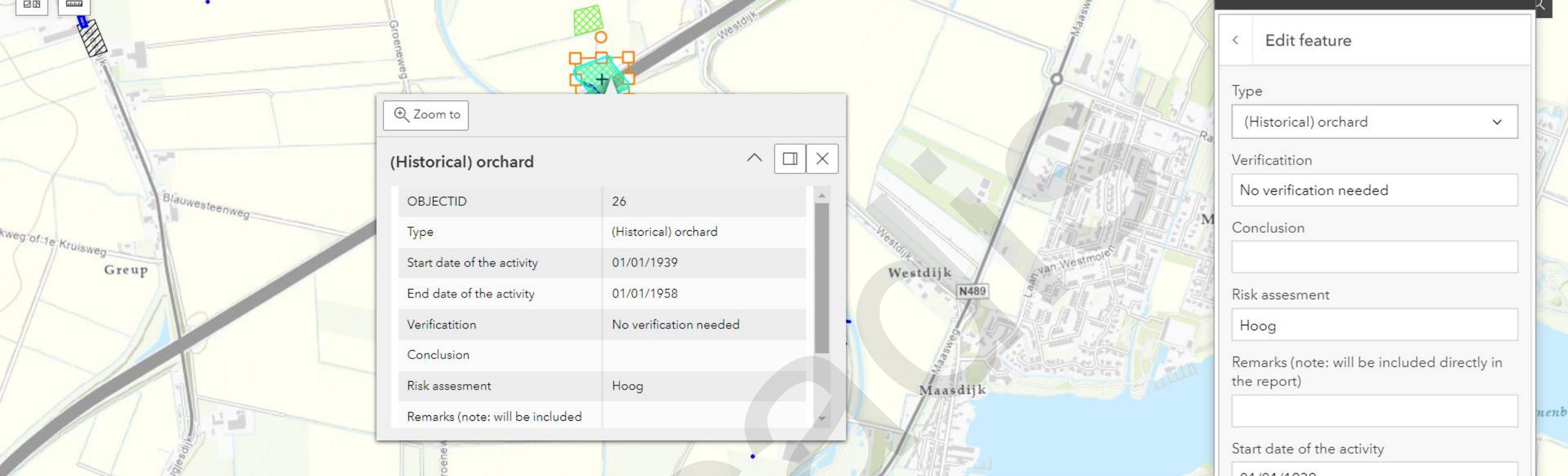
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Arcadis project /client data

Public Data Sources



Zoom to

**(Historical) orchard**

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Conclusion	
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## Data re-use

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(conditioning services)

Standardisation and digitisation:

## GIS Viewers

### Advantages of GIS-viewers

1. Integration of various data sources (public, project).
2. Single source of truth: consistency and accuracy in data with standardized workflows.
3. Collaboration and sharing of information with project team, client, stakeholders.
4. Easy navigation through spatial content for a comprehensive overview.
5. Presentation of information with interactive maps.
6. Cost effective execution of desk study, with high quality.

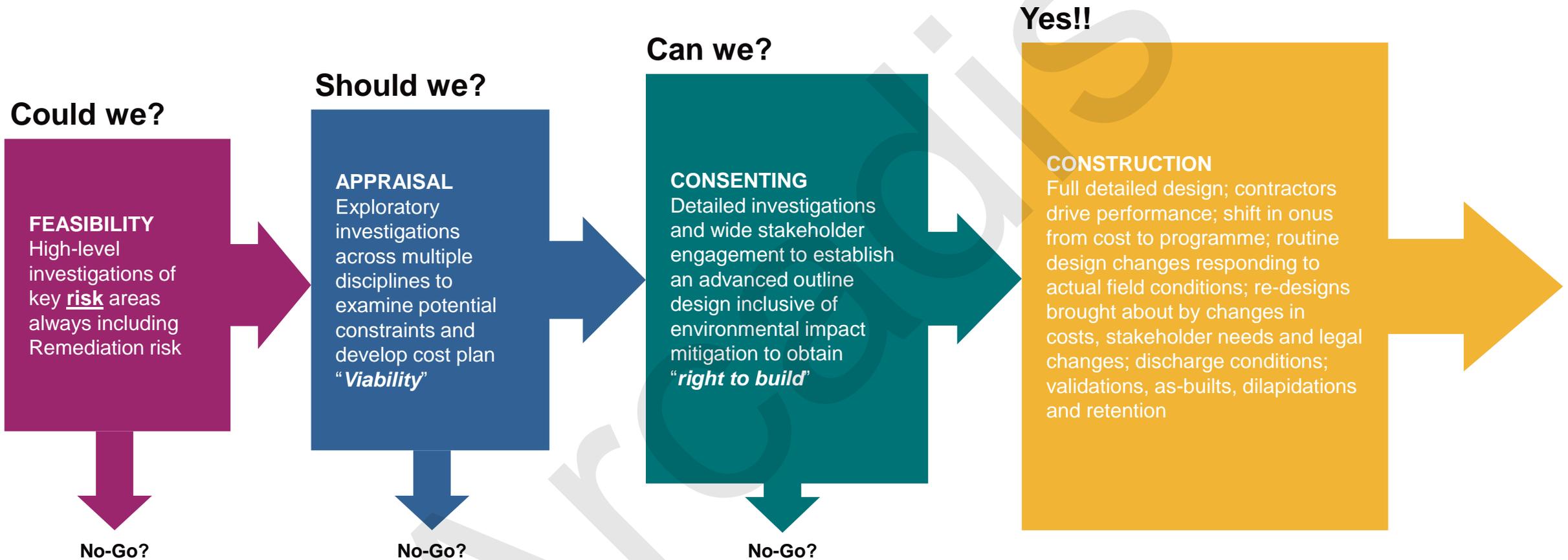
# Tales from the UK

Geo-environmental Considerations in  
Major Infrastructure & Development Projects



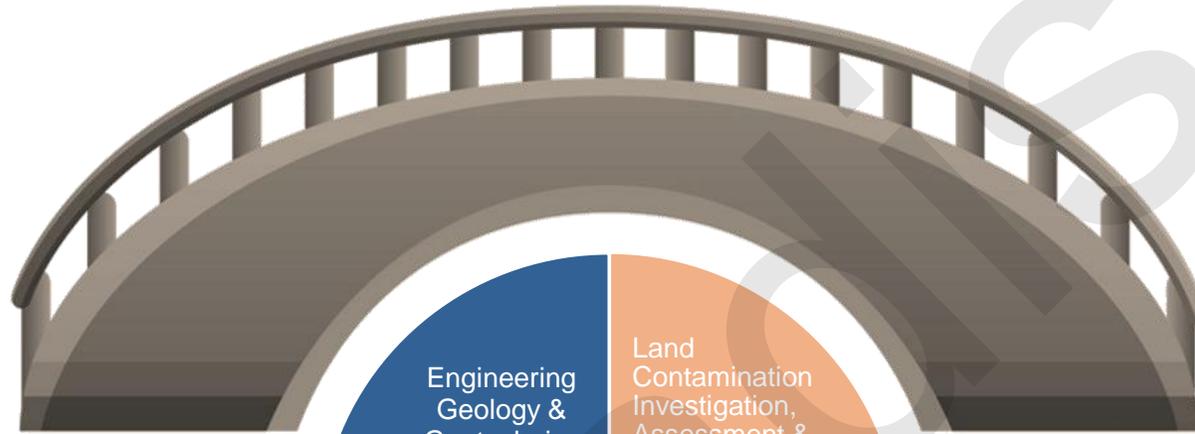
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Phased Decision Making to Minimise Financial and Reputational Risk/Loss – Increasing Cost & Complexity

**DEVELOPMENT  
CONSENTING**  
(EIA &  
Permissions)



**DESIGN &  
ENGINEERING**  
(Structures &  
Civils)



# GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL BRIDGE

# Example Property Development Framework

RIBA Plan of Work 2022 	<b>0</b>  <b>Strategic Definition</b>	<b>1</b>  <b>Preparation &amp; Brief</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Concept Design</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Spatial Coordination</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Technical Design</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Manufacturing &amp; Construction</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Handover</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Use</b>								
Stage Outcome	Site Selection via feasibility/viability appraisal		Project Brief with updated cost plan, feasibility study and provisional layouts		Architectural Concept approved by the client and aligned to the Project Brief		Architectural and engineering information Spatially Coordinated Tendering Construction works		All needed design information to manufacture and construct the project complete.		Manufacturing, construction and Commissioning completed		Building handed over, Aftercare initiated, and Building Contract concluded		Building used, operated and maintained efficiently	
Project Management	Prepare client requirements Review Project risks and support budget development		Coordination of survey teams Risk register & BIM Execution Plan Project Execution Plan & Programme Health & Safety Stewardship Plan		Coordination of survey teams Update PEP, Risk Register & Programme CDM Principal Designer PQQ for Engineering Contractors		Pre-construction H&S Pack Develop tender appraisal methodology Tender Contractor's Works Package(s)		Contractors Appointed Contractor commences technical design and appoints his supply		Contract administrator or Employers agent duties commence		Organises suitable training and handover for occupation by the contractor to the client			
Master planning	Block Layouts with prelim highway circulation system		Detailed constraints & opportunities plan		Design review with client & stakeholders		Stg 3 DWGs		Stg 4 Tender DWGs							
Planning Input Required	Strategic Planning Appraisal		Source pre-app advice EIA Screening		Obtain pre-application Planning Advice Stakeholder Engagement Strategy		Submit planning application		Discharge pre-commencement planning conditions							
Environmental	Desk Study Appraisal		Site Specific De-risking surveys Outline Mitigation Strategies		EIA Scoping EIA – Environmental Statement Detailed investigations if required		Confirm Mitigation Strategies Confirm Permitting Requirements									
Geo-Environment	Desk Study Appraisal		Intrusive ground investigation		Detailed investigations if required Remediation/Design Statement Materials Management Plan Stg 2 Concept DWGs		Confirm Remediation/ Design Statement Stg 3 DWGs		Stg 4 Tender DWGs & Documents							
Civil Engineering	Desk Study Appraisal		Enquiries to statutory bodies and regulators		Stg 2 Concept DWGs Agree route to Building Regulations compliance		Stg 3 DWGs		Stg 4 Tender DWGs							
Cost & Commercial			Preliminary cost plan													
Engineering Contractor			Long list		PQQ completion		Early contractor involvement to inform designs		Full design review		Mobilise		Contractual handover to the client.			

# UK Infrastructure & Development Projects

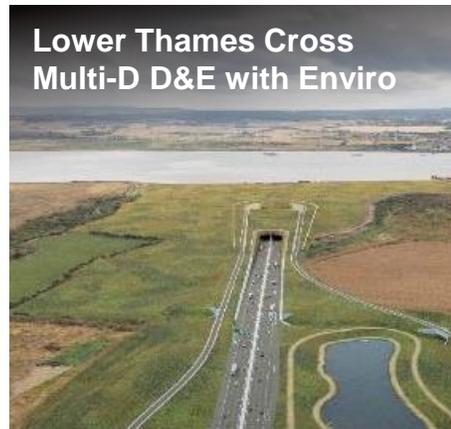
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**Canada Super Mill  
Multi-D D&E with Enviro**



- Appraisal
- Feasibility
- Consenting



**Lower Thames Cross  
Multi-D D&E with Enviro**



- Feasibility
- Consenting
- (Construction)



**Otterpool Park  
Full Multi-D PM & Design**



- Feasibility
- Consenting



**Redcar Steelworks  
Investigation &  
Remediation**



- Appraisal
- Construction



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# Considerations in Large Scale Multi-D

## 01 Most land is not Brownfield

- Likely that only isolated sections/zones need “remediation”
- Ground investigation information needed in many disciplines
- Consider Grounds and groundwater as wastes and resources

## 02 Multi-disciplinary & Intra-disciplinary

- Geological information for foundations, earthworks & concrete specifications
- Groundwater data influences drainage designs, slope stability & aquifer resource impact mitigation (inc WFD)
- Contaminant conc’s define remediation and waste management needs

## 03 Multiple Stakeholders (internal & external)

- Clients may come together as consortia
- Arcadis maybe part of a JV
- Major developments influence regulation and interest groups
- NB sustainability credentials high-up

## 04 Data management is paramount

- Huge amounts of data are generated so robust protocols needed
- Data needed throughout long-term project; accessibility is key
- Document Control is highly important
- Geospatial management is invaluable

## 05 Unpredictable Project Decisions

- Funding may dry up
- Fundamental blocks may occur
- Local/National politics may change
- Clear comms and collaborative approach needed for continuity

## 06 Long-term Propositions & Appointments

- Our appointments need to factor in inflation uplifts
- Contracts need to recognise that supplier costs may increase
- Clear exit clauses for both parties are advantageous
- Phasing and naming

# Case Study: Fiddler's Ferry Power Station

Brownfield Regeneration on Surplus Energy Site

## Project Vision

*“where SSE sites do not have a future in power generation, they can play an important role in supporting local economies and communities; we want you to think like a developer”*

Date 2019 - 2022

Client 

Location Widnes, Cheshire, UK

Area 330 ha

Value €0.6m (net rev)

## Comprehensive Site Evaluation

- Site-wide topographical survey into 3D digital terrain model
- Utilities and services mapping
- Intrusive ground investigations
- Ecological surveys
- Heritage surveys
- Built asset surveys
- UXO appraisals
- Integrated data storage and interrogation platform combining BIM360 (now ACC) & ESRI ArcGIS

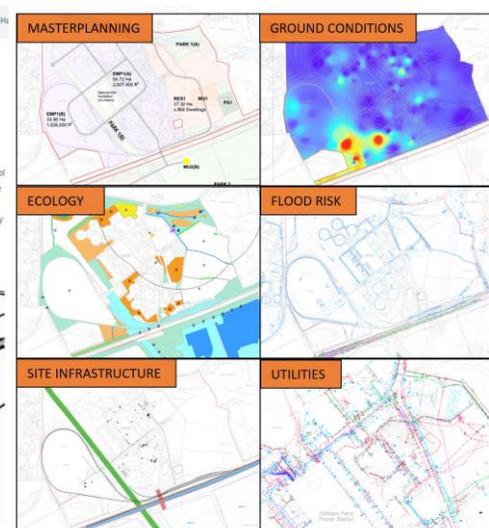


Introduction Historical Background Building Catalogue Fuel H<sub>2</sub>

under its 1115 endowment and therefore, historically used for agricultural means. Some areas of the Fiddler's Ferry Power Station estate remain tenanted farmland to the present day.

The name Fiddler's Ferry, marked on the 1829 Henriet Map, comes from the ancient crossing of the Mersey with the first written record dating to 1160. Fidler was a corruption of the landowner's name at the time (Warrington Borough Council, 2020). The 12th century landowner 'Adam le Vieleur' can be seen as violer- a player of the viol of Fiddle (Central Electricity Generating Board, n.d (late 1980s)). The Ferry Tavern, located on the banks of the Mersey at the crossing, opened in 1762 and it is the name of the tavern, which Fiddler's Ferry Power Station has taken its name (Central Electricity Generating Board, n.d (late 1980s)).

Henriet 1829 map of Lancashire



**Thank you**  
**any questions?**