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As requested, we are re-sending our submission with the hyperlink to NGV's documents now presented as a separate attachment as requested. We hope this is now acceptable.

Re. NNB Generation Company (SZC) Ltd (Deadline 10) Sizewell C Project
Dated 12th October 2021

Interested Party: Anglian Energy Planning Alliance
PINS reference: 20026903

NEW INFORMATION REQUIRING ENHANCED CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

In its DCO and throughout the Examination SZC Ltd has only fully considered SPR's EA1N, EA2 & EA3 energy projects in its Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA). SZC are aware that SPR's DCO applications include a provision for a new NGET substation at Friston. They are also aware that as well as EA1N & EA2 six other projects under development by NG or others have been offered, or may be offered, connection to the NGET substation at Friston. If connected, they would be co-located with SPR's EA1N & EA2 developments.

The area affected by this potential cumulation extends far beyond Sizewell and Friston and includes the towns of Leiston and Aldeburgh and the villages of Thorpeness, Aldringham, Knodishall, Snape and their surrounding areas. As emphasised in the Norfolk Vanguard judgment earlier this year, the Applicant is obliged to include in its CEA all other infrastructure projects that will be or are likely to be developed within this wide area, or that could have effects upon it.

During the Examination for EA1N & EA2 the Planning Inspectorate made persistent attempts to obtain details of these further planned developments. This information was withheld. Once the examination was closed National Grid made public details of its Nautilus Interconnector project. (Details attached as a separate document)

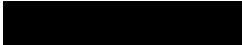
It also confirmed that its Eurolink Interconnector project would be co-located and connect at the same NGET substation. This new information should have been provided to the ExA by SZC and NG to enable a comprehensive assessment of their potential cumulative effects with Sizewell C which include:

- . Extending the AREA of building on rural greenfield land by hundreds of hectares
- . Extending by years the TIMELINE of local construction and disruption
- . Increasing the SCALE of development by thousands of cubic metres
- . EXCAVATING further motorway width cable routes from seashore through an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in direct contravention of Government policy
- . Causing further lasting DAMAGE TO TOURISM on which the local economy relies

During the Examination for EA1N & EA2, SPR and NG relied on PINS Advice Note 17 to justify their failure to obtain and include sufficient information on

cumulative effects. Advice Note 17 has no statutory status. It is a helpful suggested course of staged procedure for applicants. It states clearly that projects and plans that may affect a proposed development and are “reasonably foreseeable” must be included in an applicant’s CEA. SZC have failed to do this and therefore their CEA must be considered inadequate.

If an Examining Authority considers an applicant’s CEA to be inadequate, it is permitted under the terms of the EIA Regulations to seek further information from the applicant, and to suspend consideration of the application until that information is provided and published. Alternatively, the ExA could proceed to the conclusion of the examination without receiving the essential further information in the form of an enhanced CEA. This would render the ExA unable to provide the Secretary of State with sufficient data to ensure fulfilment of his statutory duty in the assessment of cumulative effects. Therefore the application could be refused consent, either by the Secretary of State or, should he grant consent, by consequent judicial review.





Nautilus Interconnector

We are launching plans for a new multi-purpose interconnector that could supply enough electricity to power around 1.4 million UK homes.

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At National Grid Ventures (NGV), we have launched a community consultation to seek local views on proposals for Nautilus Interconnector, close to Leiston in East Suffolk. This new multi-purpose interconnector (MPI) would enable the connection of offshore wind generation between the UK and Belgium, powering up to 1.4 million UK homes.

About Nautilus

Nautilus could connect up to 1.4 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind to each country through subsea electricity cables which would travel between the two countries whilst

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local communities. We believe that through improved coordination, the UK government can achieve and support the co-existence of renewable energy with coastal communities.

Read more about the project by visiting our virtual exhibition – or meet us in person at one of the community consultation events which are detailed below.

What are multi-purpose interconnectors?

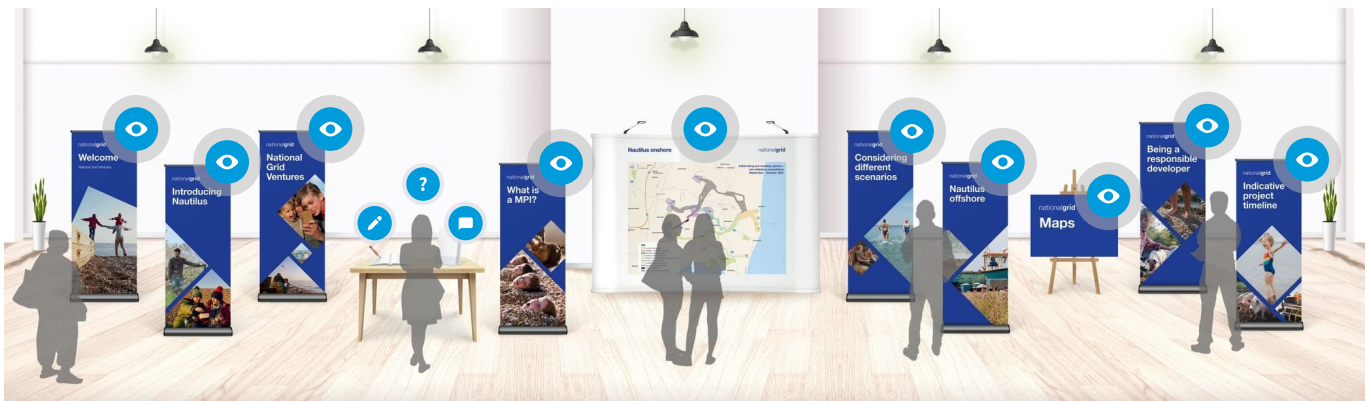
MPIs are part of National Grid's wider vision for the next generation of interconnectors. An MPI will connect offshore wind farms to an offshore converter station, potentially linking clusters of windfarms into a single connection point, before transporting this electricity to the transmission systems of two European countries through a sub-sea electricity cable called an interconnector. This would then connect to an onshore converter station at each end of the connection to transform high voltage direct current (HVDC) into high voltage alternating current (HVAC) so that the energy can be fed into the transmission network of each country.

Virtual exhibition

How to explore the virtual exhibition:

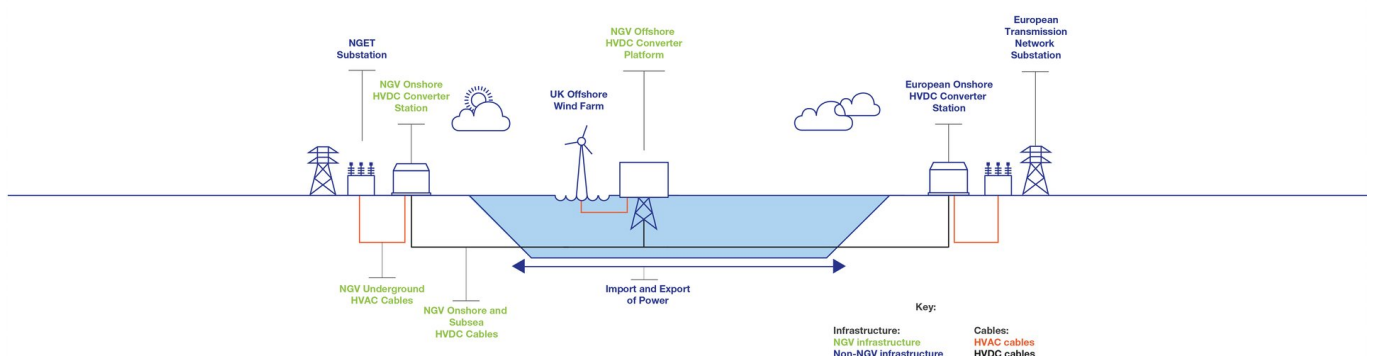
- Make the room larger by clicking the arrows on the bottom right-hand side of the image.
- Take your time to understand our proposals by clicking on the information boards.
- Make the information boards bigger by selecting 'View' when the information board pops up. Use the arrow to the right of the screen to click through the boards in order.
- If you are viewing the exhibition on a mobile phone, for the best view, turn your mobile to landscape.
- For the best experience use an up-to-date browser, such as; Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge or Safari.
- Once you've viewed our exhibition, please provide your feedback on our have your say page.
- For the most accessible experience of this exhibition, you can download the boards in an accessible PDF format (suitable for screen readers).





As an MPI Nautilus will help to:

- Support the UK to achieve its 40 GW of offshore wind by 2030 and net zero by 2050 climate targets.
- Reduce impacts on coastal communities and the environment by avoiding the need for every project to have its own separate connection infrastructure.
- Support the transition towards a cleaner energy system by providing 2.8 GW of flexible capacity between the GB and Belgian networks.
- Increase security of supply by ensuring cleaner energy flows from where it is being generated to where it is needed most.
- Promote more affordable energy bills in the UK by providing access to the lowest priced energy available between GB and Belgium.



Consultation



Have your say



Document library

Read downloadable versions of all our consultation materials below. For the most accessible experience of the **exhibition**, you can download the boards in an accessible PDF format from the documents below (suitable for screen readers).

Consultation documents



Consultation documents

Name



Briefing Pack - September 2021



Community Consultation Leaflet - September 2021



FAQs - September 2021



Information Poster - September 2021



Information Sheets - September 2021



Maps - September 2021



Webinar Instructions - 7th October 2021



Webinar Instructions - 12th October 2021

The planning process

Nautilus Interconnector has been classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) in the UK. As part of the NSIP process, the project has a live page on the Planning Inspectorate's website.



Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)

Nautilus Interconnector is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The development will be required to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) where a final decision whether to grant consent will be made by the Secretary of State for BEIS.

The DCO regime requires a robust Environmental Impact Assessment and pre-application consultation process prior to any application being submitted. The DCO consent process will provide a single, unified consenting process with clear and fixed timescales.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process

Extensive environmental surveys and studies will be undertaken for Nautilus Interconnector as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA process) and a range of statutory consultees and stakeholders will be consulted with. As part of this process, a Scoping Report, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and an Environmental Statement (ES) will be produced.



Scoping Report

A Scoping Report will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. This will present the proposals for the Nautilus Interconnector and will describe how any potential impacts to the existing environment will be assessed. The feedback received on this document from the local planning authorities and statutory consultees will result in a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate, which will be made publicly available.





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