

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
c/o The Planning Inspectorate
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For the attention of Louise Harraway.

20 October 2023

Your Reference EN020026

Dear Ms Harraway

Statutory Consultation for the Proposed Sea Link Project: Tuesday 24 October 2023 to Monday 18 December 2023

Section 46 Planning Act 2008 (as amended): Duty to notify Secretary of State of a proposed Application

National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) (“the applicant”) writes to provide formal notification under section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (“the Act”), of its intention to launch a statutory consultation under section 42 and section 47 of the Act for its proposed Sea Link Project (“the Project”), comprising reinforcement of the electricity transmission network between Suffolk and Kent, predominantly via an offshore High Voltage Direct Current link together with associated development.

The consultation period is due to start on 24 October 2023 and end at 11:59pm on 18 December 2023.

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, NGET supplies the Secretary of State with the materials that will be sent to the S42 consultees:

- Copy of the letter sent to S42 consultees
- Copy of the Project newsletter sent to S42 and S47 consultees; and
- Consultation feedback form (including Freepost envelope for prescribed consultees).

As required by Regulation 13 of the EIA regulations, we also enclose a copy of the formal newspaper notice of the Application in accordance with section 48 of the Act and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations.

All consultees have been provided with a link to the Project website www.nationalgrid.com/sealink where they can access the full suite of consultation documents which includes:

- Statutory consultation documents
 - Sea Link project overview document
 - Sea Link project overview document 10-minute read version
 - Sea Link statement of community consultation
 - Sea Link option selection and design evolution report
 - Sea Link community newsletter
 - Sea Link strategic options report

- Sea Link non-statutory consultation report
- Sea Link feedback form
- Sea Link section 47 notice
- Sea Link section 48 notice
- Sea Link converter station design - background to potential architectural approaches
- Sea Link consultation display panels
- Sea Link PEIR Non Technical Summary
- Statutory consultation plans and drawings
 - Sea Link guide to interacting with the consultation plans and drawings
 - Sea Link general arrangement plans
 - Sea Link design drawings
- Statutory consultation - Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

In addition to the website, consultation materials will be available at a series of public consultation events and at deposit locations within the vicinity of the Project.

Further details of the consultation arrangements are set out in the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC). Preparation of the SOCC was informed by the views of host local authorities and as required by section 47 of the Act, notice of publication of the SOCC is being published in relevant newspapers. The SoCC has not been sent in hard copy to the s42 or s47 consultees, although it is available to consultees on the Project website. As requested, a hard copy of the SOCC is however provided to the Planning Inspectorate.

I would be grateful for confirmation of safe receipt of this letter and accompanying items. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com

Yours faithfully,

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