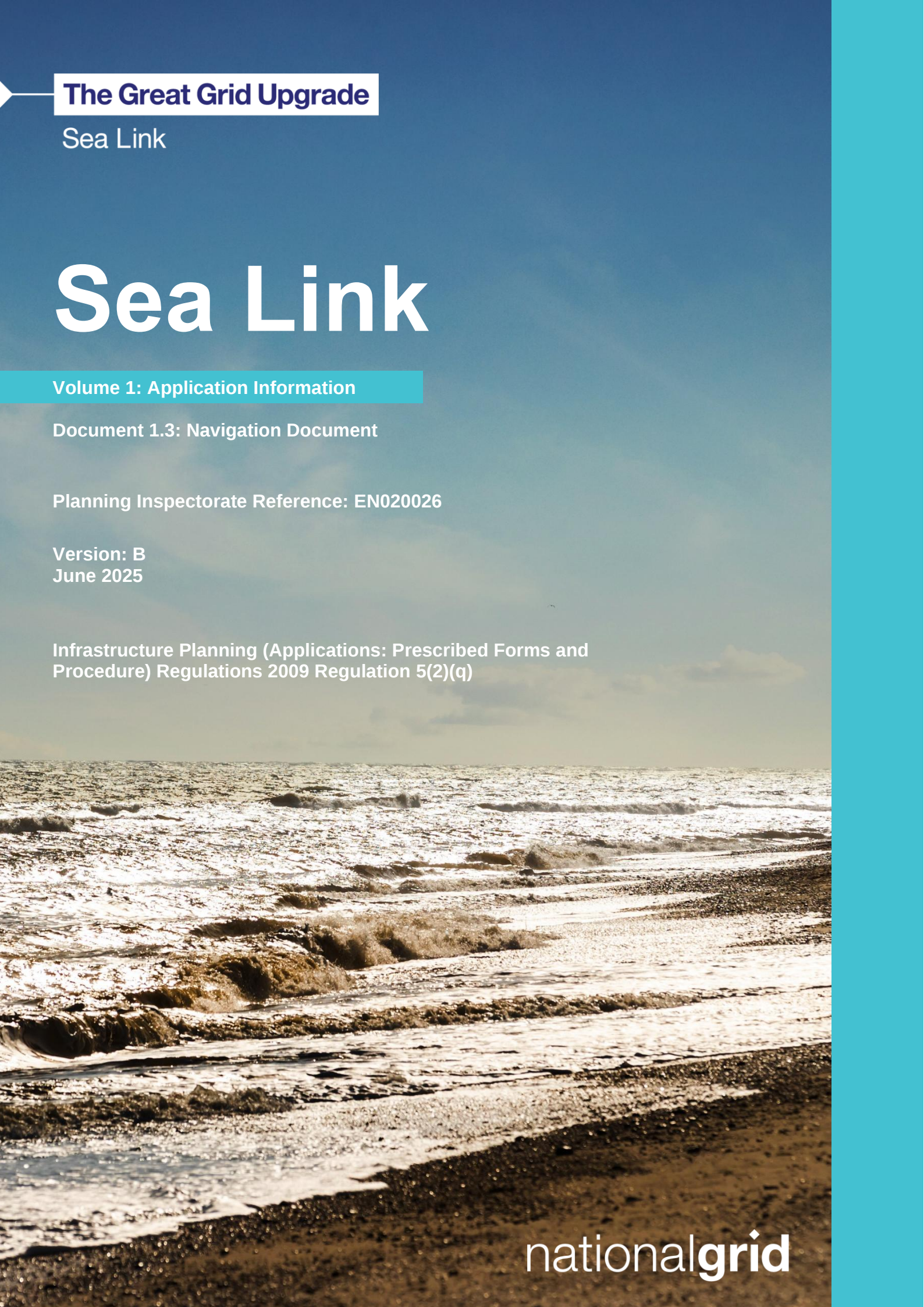




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Date	Issue	Status	Description / Changes
March 2025	A	Final	For DCO submission
June 2025	B	Final	Amended based on s51 Advice and Project Updates

1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 The Sea Link Project (hereafter referred to as the 'Proposed Project') is a proposal by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (hereafter referred to as National Grid) to reinforce the transmission network in the South East and East Anglia. The Proposed Project is required to accommodate additional power flows generated from renewable and low carbon generation, as well as accommodating additional new interconnection with mainland Europe.
- 1.1.2 National Grid owns, builds and maintains the electricity transmission network in England and Wales. Under the Electricity Act 1989, National Grid holds a transmission licence under which it is required to develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated, and economic electricity transmission system.
- 1.1.3 This would be achieved by reinforcing the network with a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Link between the proposed Friston substation in the Sizewell area of Suffolk and the existing Richborough to Canterbury 400kV overhead line close to Richborough in Kent.
- 1.1.4 National Grid is also required, under Section 38 of the Electricity Act 1989, to comply with the provisions of Schedule 9 of the Act. Schedule 9 requires licence holders, in the formulation of proposals to transmit electricity, to:
- 1.1.5 Schedule 9(1)(a) '*...have regard to the desirability of preserving natural beauty, of conserving flora, fauna and geological or physiographical features of special interest and of protecting sites, buildings and objects of architectural, historic or archaeological interest;*' and
- 1.1.6 Schedule 9(1)(b) '*...do what [it] reasonably can to mitigate any effect which the proposals would have on the natural beauty of the countryside or on any such flora, fauna, features, sites, buildings or objects*'.
- 1.1.7 The purpose of this document is to summarise the structure of the application for development consent for the Proposed Project. Its purpose is to provide an overview of the application structure and principal contents within each 'volume' of documents shown in Table 1.1.
- 1.1.8 An Application Document Tracker is provided in Appendix A of this document in order to help the Examining Authority and Interested Parties understand the application as it evolves through the Examination by identifying the latest version of any application document.

1.2 The Proposed Project

1.2.1 The Proposed Project would comprise the following elements:

The Suffolk Onshore Scheme

- A connection from the existing transmission network via Friston Substation, including the substation itself. Friston Substation already has development consent as part of other third-party projects. If Friston Substation has already been constructed under another consent, only a connection into the substation would be constructed as part of the Proposed Project.
- A high voltage alternating current (HVAC) underground cable of approximately 1.9 km in length between the proposed Friston Substation and a proposed converter station (below).
- A 2 GW high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station (including permanent access from the B1121 and a new bridge over the River Fromus) up to 26 m high plus external equipment (such as lightning protection, safety rails for maintenance works, ventilation equipment, aerials, similar small scale operational plant, or other roof treatment) near Saxmundham.
- A HVDC underground cable connection of approximately 10 km in length between the proposed converter station near Saxmundham, and a transition joint bay (TJB) approximately 900 m inshore from a landfall point (below) where the cable transitions from onshore to offshore technology.
- A landfall on the Suffolk coast (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness).

The Offshore Scheme:

- Approximately 122 km of subsea HVDC cable, running between the Suffolk landfall location (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness), and the Kent landfall location at Pegwell Bay.

The Kent Onshore Scheme:

- A landfall point on the Kent coast at Pegwell Bay.
- A TJB approximately 800 m inshore to transition from offshore HVDC cable to onshore HVDC cable, before continuing underground for approximately 1.7 km to a new converter station (below).
- A 2 GW HVDC converter station (including a new permanent access off the A256), up to 28 m high plus external equipment such as lightning protection, safety rails for maintenance works, ventilation equipment, aerials, and similar small scale operational plant near Minster. A new substation would be located immediately adjacent.
- Removal of approximately 2.2 km of existing HVAC overhead line, and installation of two sections of new HVAC overhead line, together totalling approximately 3.5 km, each connecting from the substation near Minster and the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line.

- 1.2.2 The Proposed Project also includes modifications to sections of existing overhead lines in Suffolk (only if Friston Substation is not built pursuant to another consent) and Kent, diversions of third-party assets, and land drainage from the construction and operational footprint. It also includes opportunities for environmental mitigation and compensation. The construction phase will involve various temporary construction activities including overhead line diversions, use of temporary towers or masts, working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, parking spaces, storage, accesses, bellmouths, and haul roads, as well as watercourse crossings and the diversion of public rights of way (PROWs) and other ancillary operations.

1.3 Application documentation

- 1.3.1 The documents submitted as part of this application have been grouped into the below document volumes noted within Table 1.1 to accord with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents published in August 2024 and updated in January 2025.

Table 1.1 Guide to volumes of the DCO application

Document volume	Context
Volume 1 – Application Forms	Contains the completed Application Form, the Covering Letter, this Navigation Document, the Electronic Application Index and the Section 55 Checklist completed by National Grid demonstrating the application can be accepted pursuant to Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008.
Volume 2 – Plans and Drawings	Contains relevant plans for the Proposed Project as required by the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (APFP Regulations), including the location plan, works plans and land plans.
Volume 3 – Draft Development Consent Order	Contains the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) which contains the legal powers National Grid is seeking, together with an explanatory memorandum which explains the provisions of the DCO and a document that sets out consents required outside of the DCO.
Volume 4 – Compulsory Acquisition Information	Provides evidence for why legal powers of compulsory acquisition are sought, as well as information on how the Proposed Project is to be funded and details of the land interests that are required for the Proposed Project.
Volume 5 – Reports and Statements	Contains the Consultation Report and its associated appendices as required by Section 37(3)(c) of the Planning Act 2008.

Document volume	Context
Volume 6 – Environmental Statement	Provides environmental information, reports and an assessment of the likely significant effects of the Proposed Project, as well as a description of proposed mitigation measures.
Volume 7 – Other Documents	Contains additional documents and reports considered by National Grid to be required to support the application in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(q) of the APFP Regulations.
Volume 8 – Historical Reports and Documentation	Contains historic documents that were produced to support the development of the Proposed Project.
Volume 9 – Examination Submissions	Contains additional submissions submitted both in the pre-examination and examination stages.

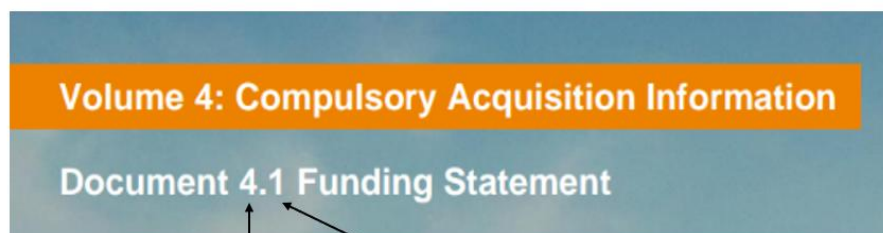
1.3.2 Each volume has been colour coded for ease of reference. The corresponding colour is displayed on the front cover of each document within this application to convey what volume it forms part of.

1.3.3 Section 2 of this document provides a summary of the purpose of the documents and plans included within each volume described in Table 1.1 above. The documents meet the requirements of the APFP Regulations.

1.4 Document referencing

1.4.1 The documents submitted as part of this application each have an individual document reference number which follow a consistent numbering format to help the reader navigate the application documents.

1.4.2 Documents are numbered in sequence with the respective volumes. The volume number is the first digit of a document number, followed by the document number and where relevant the chapter and/or appendix number. Examples are provided in Plates 1.1 to 1.4 below.



Volume number – in this instance, Volume 4 is Compulsory Acquisition Information.

Document number – in this instance, 4.1 is the Funding Statement and is the first of the compulsory acquisition documents.

Plate 1.1 Document referencing example 1

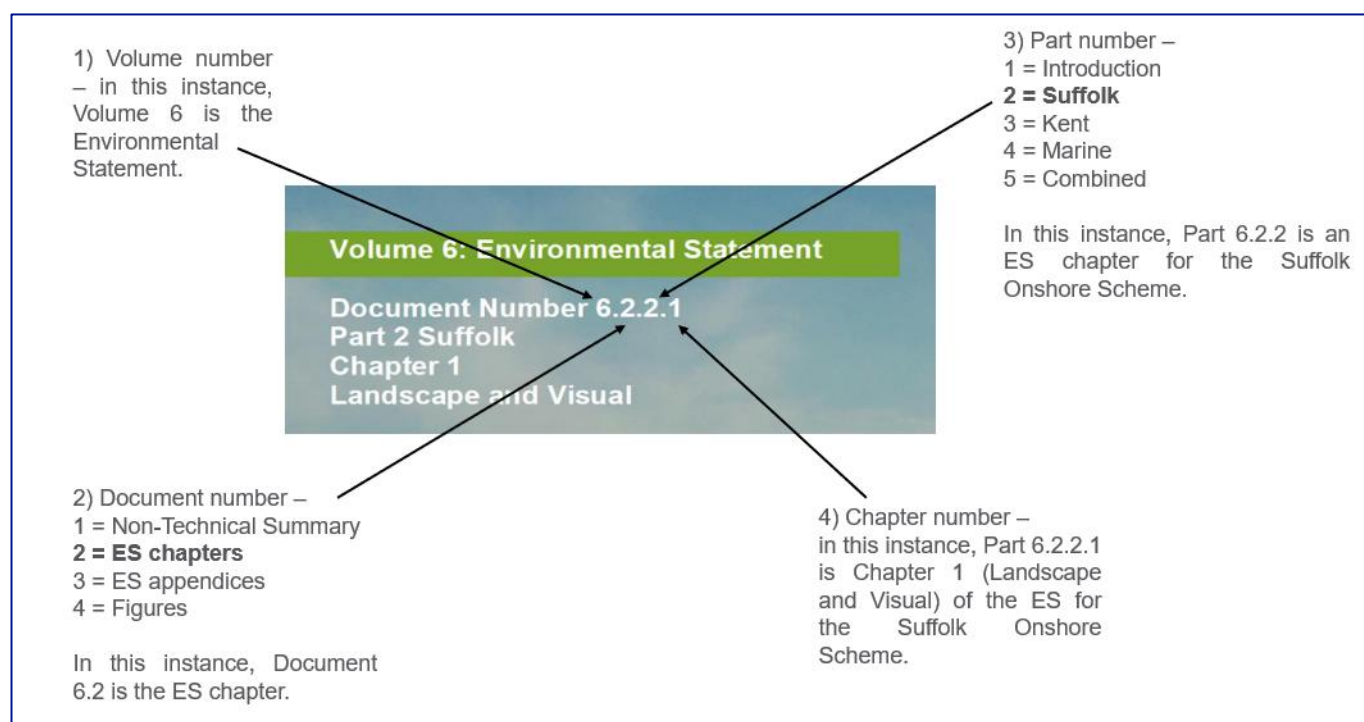


Plate 1.2 Document referencing example for an ES chapter

1) Volume number
– in this instance,
Volume 6 is the
Environmental
Statement.

3) Part number –
1 = Introduction
2 = Suffolk
3 = Kent
4 = Marine
5 = Combined



In this instance, Part 6.3.2 is an
ES appendix for the Suffolk
Onshore Scheme.

2) Document number –
1 = Non-Technical Summary
2 = ES chapters
3 = ES appendices
4 = Figures

In this instance, Document
6.3 is the ES appendices.

4) Chapter number –
in this instance, Part 6.2.3.1
is an ES appendix of
Chapter 1 (Landscape and
Visual) of the ES for the
Suffolk Onshore Scheme.

5) Appendix number.

Plate 1.3 Document referencing example for an ES appendix

1) Volume number
– in this instance,
Volume 6 is the
Environmental
Statement.

3) Part number –
1 = Introduction
2 = Suffolk
3 = Kent
4 = Marine
5 = Combined



In this instance, Part 6.4.2 are the
ES figures for the Suffolk Onshore
Scheme.

2) Document number –
1 = Non-Technical Summary
2 = ES chapters
3 = ES appendices
4 = Figures

In this instance, Document
6.4 is the ES figures.

4) Chapter number –
in this instance, Part 6.2.4.1
are the ES figures for
Chapter 1 (Landscape and
Visual) of the ES for the
Suffolk Onshore Scheme.

Plate 1.4 Document referencing example for an ES figure

2. Application volumes

2.1 Volume 1: Application Information

- 2.1.1 This volume sets out the overarching project information and documents provided in accordance with application administrative requirements.

Volume 1 contents

- 2.1.2 The following documents are contained within this volume:
- **1.1 Cover Letter** – sets out the subject of the application and supporting documentation enclosed;
 - **1.2 Application Form** – is a standard form and provides a high-level summary of the Proposed Project and the documents that have been submitted. It is a form that originates from Schedule 2 of the APFP Regulations and is submitted in accordance with Section 37(3)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 5(1) of the APFP Regulations;
 - **1.3 Navigation Document** – (this document) acts as a guide to the application, providing a brief description of the volumes and documents that make up the application;
 - **1.4 Electronic Application Index** – is the list of electronic file names, reference numbers for each document, and the regulation numbers provided in each volume submitted with the application;
 - **1.5 Self Completed Section 55 Checklist** – is included to demonstrates how the application complies with the provisions of Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008; and
 - **1.6 Glossaries and Acronyms** – explains the language used in the application.

2.2 Volume 2: Plans and Drawings

- 2.2.1 This volume contains the plans that show where and how the proposed works will take place.
- 2.2.2 There are 13 different types of plans and drawings submitted within this volume in support of the application (excluding **Application Document 2.1 Guide to the Plans**).
- 2.2.3 In accordance with Regulation 5(4) of the APFP Regulations, where a plan comprises three or more sheets, a key plan is provided showing the relationship between the different sheets. Each set of plans (and each sheet within a set of plans) includes a key which explains the use of symbols/lines/shading to note features and information in the plans.
- 2.2.4 The Proposed Project has been subdivided into three sections:
- Suffolk Onshore Scheme
 - The Offshore Scheme
 - Kent Onshore Scheme
- 2.2.5 All plans are ordered from North (Saxmundham, Suffolk) to South (Minister, Kent). Further information on the Proposed Project sections and detail on what the different plans and drawings show is presented in **Application Document 2.1 The Guide to the Plans**.

Volume 2 contents

- 2.2.6 The following documents are contained within this volume:
- **2.1 Guide to the Plans** – explains the role of the different plans and drawings and the factors that should be considered when viewing these documents.
 - **2.2 Location Plans** – these plans show a very high-level view of the locations of the Proposed Project in the context of the surrounding locality, including the Order Limits. The following make up **Application Document 2.2 Location Plans**:
 - **2.2.1 Overall Location Plan**
 - **2.2.2 Suffolk Location Plan**
 - **2.2.3 Kent Location Plan**
 - **2.3 Land Plans** – these plans show the Order Limits within which the authorised development must be constructed, operated and maintained as well as individual plots that National Grid is seeking to exercise compulsory acquisition powers or seeking to temporarily use for construction purposes and also matters set out in APFP Regulation 5(2)(i)-(iii). The following make up **Application Document 2.3 Land Plans**:
 - **2.3.1 Land Plans – Suffolk**
 - **2.3.2 Land Plans – Kent**
 - **2.4 Special Category and Crown Land Plans** – these plans show any land that is defined as Special Category Land or Crown Land and which land is subject to powers of compulsory acquisition of rights (being Classes 2-5). Please refer to the **Application Document 4.2 Statement of Reasons** and **Application Document**

2.1 The Guide to the Plans for further information. The following make up **Application Document 2.4 Special Category and Crown Land Plans**:

- **2.4.1 Special Category and Crown Land Plans – Suffolk**
- **2.4.2 Special Category and Crown Land Plans – Kent**
- **2.4.3 Crown Land Plans – Offshore**

- **2.5 Work Plans** – these plans show the main permanent aspects of the Proposed Project that are described in Schedule 1 of the **draft DCO (Application Document 3.1)**. The following make up **Application Document 2.5 Work Plans**:

- **2.5.1 Work Plans – Suffolk**
- **2.5.2 Work Plans – Kent**
- **2.5.3 Work Plans – Offshore**

- **2.6 Traffic Regulation Order Plans** – these plans show the extent of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and sections of the road / street that may need to be subject to a Traffic Regulation Order while works are undertaken, such as where restrictions or traffic management would be required to facilitate the construction and maintenance of the Proposed Project. The following make up **Application Document 2.6 Traffic Regulation Order Plans**:

- **2.6.1 Traffic Regulation Order Plans – Suffolk**
- **2.6.2 Traffic Regulation Order Plans – Kent**

- **2.7 Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans** – these plans show the access points from the public highway that are needed to construct, operate or maintain the Proposed Project. The following make up **Application Document 2.7 Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans**:

- **2.7.1 Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans – Suffolk**
- **2.7.2 Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans – Kent**

- **2.8 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance** – these plans show locations that are of particular environmental importance, including areas that are important for the protection of nature. The following make up **Application Document 2.8 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance Plans**:

- **2.8.1 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation – Suffolk**
- **2.8.2 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation – Kent**
- **2.8.3 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation – Offshore**

- **2.9 Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats** – these plans show the location of habitats of protected species and important habitats based on the Proposed Project's environmental surveys. The following make up **Application Document 2.9 Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats**:

- **2.9.1 Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats – Suffolk**
- **2.9.2 Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats – Kent**

- **2.9.3 Habitats of Protected Species – Location of Badger Setts Plans – Suffolk [CONFIDENTIAL]**
- **2.9.4 Habitats of Protected Species – Location of Badger Setts Plans – Kent [CONFIDENTIAL]**
- **2.10 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment** – these plans show locations of archaeological sites, scheduled monuments, historic buildings and other historic aspects of the landscape on the historic environment record. The following make up **Application Document 2.10 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment:**
 - **2.10.1 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Suffolk**
 - **2.10.2 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Kent**
 - **2.10.3 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment – Offshore**
- **2.11 Water Bodies in the River Basin Plans** – these plans show the location of Water Framework Directive (WFD) water bodies and catchment areas. The following make up **Application Document 2.11 Water Bodies in the River Basin Plans:**
 - **2.11.1 Water Bodies in the River Basin Plans - Suffolk**
 - **2.11.2 Water Bodies in the River Basin Plans - Kent**
- **2.12 Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans** – these plans show the trees and hedgerows that may be affected during construction of the Proposed Project. The following make up **2.12 Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans:**
 - **2.12.1 Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans - Suffolk**
 - **2.12.2 Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans – Kent**
- **2.13 Design and Layout Plans** – show additional design and layouts of various permanent and temporary aspects of the Proposed Project (see **Application Document 2.1 Guide to the Plans** for further details). The following make up **Application Document 2.13 Design and Layout Plans:**
 - **2.13.1 Design and Layout Plans - Suffolk**
 - **2.13.2 Design and Layout Plans - Kent**
 - **2.13.3 Design and Layout Plans - Terrestrial General**
 - **2.13.4 Design and Layout Plans - Offshore**
- **2.14 Indicative General Arrangements Plans** – these plans show an indication of the construction and operational components of the Proposed Project based on the Proposed Alignment within the parameters of the draft DCO with reference to the **Application Document 2.5.1 – 2.5.3 Works Plans**. The following make up **Application Document 2.14 General Arrangements Plans:**
 - **2.14.1 Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Suffolk**
 - **2.14.2 Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Kent**

— 2.14.3 Indicative General Arrangements Plans – Offshore

2.3 Volume 3: Draft Development Consent Order

- 2.3.1 National Grid requires development consent from the Secretary of State to construct, operate and maintain the Proposed Project. This volume contains details of the legal powers being sought by National Grid.

Volume 3 contents

- 2.3.2 The following documents are contained within this volume:

- **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)** – sets out the legal powers that National Grid is seeking to enable the construction, operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project. It is comprised of 62 articles and 19 schedules. The schedules are listed below:
 - Schedule 1: Authorised Project
 - Schedule 2: Plans
 - Schedule 3: Requirements
 - Schedule 4: Discharge of Requirements
 - Schedule 5: Streets Subject to Street Works
 - Schedule 6: Streets Subject to Alteration of Layout
 - Schedule 7: Streets or Public Rights of Way to be Permanently Stopped Up
 - Schedule 8: Streets, Public Rights of Way and Permissive Paths to be Temporarily Closed
 - Schedule 9: Access to Works
 - Schedule 10: Modification of Compensation and Compulsory Purchase Enactments for Creation of New Rights
 - Schedule 11: Land of which only Temporary Possession may be Taken
 - Schedule 12: Extinguishment of Private Rights and Restrictive Covenants Relating to Apparatus Belonging to National Grid Removed from Land Subject to Temporary Possession
 - Schedule 13: Traffic Regulation Orders
 - Schedule 14: Trees Subject to Tree Preservation Orders
 - Schedule 15: Protective Provisions
 - Schedule 16: Deemed Marine Licence
 - Schedule 17: Public General Legislation
 - Schedule 18: Amendment of Local Legislation
 - Schedule 19: Certified Documents
- **3.2 Explanatory Memorandum** – explains the purpose and effect of each provision in the draft DCO including why it is necessary;

- **3.3 Validation Report for the Development Consent Order** – confirms that the draft DCO conforms to the current Statutory Instrument (SI) template, as required by the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note 15: Drafting Development Consent Orders published in 2018;
- **3.4 Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (Editable Version)** – the draft DCO has also been provided in an editable word version to assist the Examining Authority; and
- **3.5 Consents and Agreements Position Statement** – sets out the intended strategy for obtaining the consents and associated agreements needed to implement the Proposed Project.

2.4 Volume 4: Compulsory Acquisition Information

- 2.4.1 This volume provides the evidence to justify the legal powers sought by National Grid for compulsory acquisition as well as information on how the Proposed Project is to be funded.

Volume 4 contents

- 2.4.2 The following documents are contained within this volume:

- **4.1 Funding Statement** – explains how the Proposed Project, including any compulsory purchase acquisition, would be funded;
- **4.2 Statement of Reasons** – explains that there is a compelling case in the public interest which would justify National Grid’s exercise of powers of compulsory acquisition in order to acquire land and rights permanently and to use land temporarily to enable it to construct, operate and maintain the Proposed Project. This document is supplemented by:
 - **4.2.1 Appendix A Details of purpose for which compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers are sought**
 - **4.2.2 Appendix B Schedule of negotiations with Land Interests** – which sets out the status of negotiations with land interests
 - **4.2.3 Appendix C Special Category Land Report** – addresses the issue of special category land in respect of the Proposed Project
- **4.3 Book of Reference** – contains land referencing information for land proposed to be used or acquired for the Proposed Project. It is structured in five parts in accordance with regulatory requirements:
 - **Part 1:** Categories 1 and 2 - contains the names and addresses for service of each person within Categories 1 and 2 as set out in Section 57 (categories for purposes of Section 56(2)(d)) of the Planning Act 2008 in respect of any land which it is proposed shall be subject to powers of compulsory acquisition, rights to use land, including the right to attach brackets or other equipment to buildings; or rights to carry out protective works to buildings
 - **Part 2:** Category 3: Section 10 Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 - contains the names and addresses for service of each person within Category 3 as set out in Section 57 of the Planning Act 2008
 - **Part 3:** Easements or other private rights proposed to be interfered with, suspended or extinguished - contains the names of all those entitled to enjoy easements or other private rights over land (including private rights of navigation over water) which it is proposed shall be extinguished, suspended or interfered with
 - **Part 4:** Crown Interests - specifies the owner of any Crown interest in the land which is proposed to be used for the purposes of the order for which application is being made
 - **Part 5:** Special Category Land - specifies land the acquisition of which is subject to special parliamentary procedure; which is “special category land” for the purposes of Sections 131 and 132 of the Planning Act 2008 and which is replacement land.

2.5 Volume 5: Reports and Statements

- 2.5.1 This volume details the pre-application consultation that National Grid has undertaken on the Proposed Project.

Volume 5 contents

- 2.5.2 The following document is contained within this volume:
- **5.1 Consultation Report.** Section 37(3)(c) of the Planning Act 2008 requires that applications for development consent are accompanied by a Consultation Report. The Consultation Report and its supporting appendices explain how National Grid has consulted on the Proposed Project, summarises the responses received and explains how National Grid has had regard to those responses. The Consultation Report explains how National Grid has complied with the consultation requirements set out in the Planning Act 2008, the APFP Regulations and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations). The preparation of the Consultation Report has also taken into account statutory and non-statutory guidance including guidance set out in 'Planning Act 2008: guidance on the pre-application process' published by the Department of Communities and Local Government in March 2015 and, within reason, 'Planning Act 2008: pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' published by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in April 2024 (for the targeted consultation) and 'Nationally significant infrastructure projects: Advice on the consultation report' by the Planning Inspectorate in August 2024. Please see **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** for further details.
- 2.5.3 **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** comprises a main report and 9 separate appendices (including Annex 1). The appendices supporting **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report** are set out in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1 List of appendices supporting the Consultation Report

Document Reference	Appendix	Appendix Title
5.1.1	Annex 1	Annex 1 Consultation Compliance Checklist
5.1.2	Appendix A	Non Statutory Engagement
5.1.3	Appendix B	EIA Scoping
5.1.4	Appendix C	Non Statutory Consultation
5.1.5	Appendix D	Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
5.1.6	Appendix E	Statutory Consultation
5.1.7	Appendix F	Targeted Consultation
5.1.8	Appendix G	Land Referencing Methodology
5.1.9	Appendix H	Pre-submission engagement

- 2.5.4 Copies of newspaper notices that were included in newspapers to publicise the Proposed Project, such as for consultation events, are included in **Application Document 5.1.5 Appendix D SoCC, Application Document 5.1.6 Appendix E Statutory Consultation** and **Application Document 5.1.7 Appendix F Targeted Consultation** of the Consultation Report.
- 2.5.5 National Grid's **Programme Document** which sets out the timetable and activities undertaken during the pre-application phase of the Proposed Project as required under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus is included in **Application Document 5.1.7 Appendix F Targeted Consultation** of the Consultation Report.

2.6 Volume 6: Environmental Information

- 2.6.1 This volume contains the environmental information for the Proposed Project. The environmental information sets out the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken to understand the likely significant effects of the Proposed Project on the environment and any associated mitigation requirements.

Volume contents

- 2.6.2 The following documents are contained within this volume:
- **6.1 Non-Technical Summary** – summarises in a non-technical language the contents of the Environmental Statement (ES) including the considered alternatives, environmental baseline, assessment methodology, mitigation and environmental effects;
 - **6.2 Environmental Statement** – presents the assessment of likely significant effects on the environment associated with the Proposed Project. The ES is split into 5 parts as detailed in Table 2.2 below;

Table 2.2 Structure of the Environmental Statement

Part	Document Reference	Chapter Title
Part 1 - Introduction	6.2.1.1	Chapter 1 Introduction
	6.2.1.2	Chapter 2 Regulatory and Planning Context
	6.2.1.3	Chapter 3 Main Alternatives Considered
	6.2.1.4	Chapter 4 Description of the Proposed Project
	6.2.1.5	Chapter 5 EIA Approach and Methodology
	6.2.1.6	Chapter 6 Scoping Opinion and EIA Consultation
Part 2 - Suffolk	6.2.2.1	Chapter 1 Landscape and Visual
	6.2.2.2	Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity
	6.2.2.3	Chapter 3 Cultural Heritage
	6.2.2.4	Chapter 4 Water Environment
	6.2.2.5	Chapter 5 Geology and Hydrogeology
	6.2.2.6	Chapter 6 Agriculture and Soils
	6.2.2.7	Chapter 7 Traffic and Transport
	6.2.2.8	Chapter 8 Air Quality
	6.2.2.9	Chapter 9 Noise and Vibration
	6.2.2.10	Chapter 10 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism

Part	Document Reference	Chapter Title
	6.2.2.11	Chapter 11 Health and Wellbeing
	6.2.2.12	Chapter 12 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects
	6.2.2.13	Chapter 13 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects
Part 3 – Kent	6.2.3.1	Chapter 1 Landscape and Visual
	6.2.3.2	Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity
	6.2.3.3	Chapter 3 Cultural Heritage
	6.2.3.4	Chapter 4 Water Environment
	6.2.3.5	Chapter 5 Geology and Hydrogeology
	6.2.3.6	Chapter 6 Agriculture and Soils
	6.2.3.7	Chapter 7 Traffic and Transport
	6.2.3.8	Chapter 8 Air Quality
	6.2.3.9	Chapter 9 Noise and Vibration
	6.2.3.10	Chapter 10 Socio-economics, Recreation and Tourism
	6.2.3.11	Chapter 11 Health and Wellbeing
	6.2.3.12	Chapter 12 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects
	6.2.3.13	Chapter 13 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects
Part 4 – Marine	6.2.4.1	Chapter 1 Physical Environment
	6.2.4.2	Chapter 2 Benthic Ecology
	6.2.4.3	Chapter 3 Fish and Shellfish Ecology
	6.2.4.4	Chapter 4 Marine Mammals
	6.2.4.5	Chapter 5 Marine Ornithology
	6.2.4.6	Chapter 6 Marine Archaeology
	6.2.4.7	Chapter 7 Shipping and Navigation
	6.2.4.8	Chapter 8 Commercial Fisheries
	6.2.4.9	Chapter 9 Other Sea Users
	6.2.4.10	Chapter 10 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects
	6.2.4.11	Chapter 11 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects
Part 5 – Project Wide Effects (Combined)	6.2.5.1	Chapter 1 Climate Change
	6.2.5.2	Chapter 2 Project wide (Combined) Effects of the Proposed Project

Part	Document Reference	Chapter Title
	6.2.5.3	Chapter 3 Summary of Likely Significant Effects

- **6.3 Environmental Statement Appendices** – supplementary information to support the ES chapters detailed in Table 2.2 above; and
- **6.4 Environmental Statement Figures** – diagrams, plans and figures to support the ES chapters detailed in Table 2.2 above.

2.6.3 In addition to the EIA, the Proposed Project has been subject to assessment pursuant to other regulatory regimes, including the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (the Habitats Regulations). These additional assessments and reports that make up this volume are detailed below:

- **6.5 Electric and Magnetic Field Compliance Report** – sets out the electric and magnetic field parameters for the Proposed Project;
- **6.6 Habitats Regulations Assessment Report** – presents the Habitats Regulations Screening Assessment (HRA) undertaken for the Proposed Project in accordance with the Habitats Regulations and provides sufficient information to enable the Secretary of State to make an appropriate assessment in relation to European Sites as required by Regulation 5(2)(g) of the APFP Regulations. This report has been prepared with reference to ‘Advice note: nationally significant infrastructure projects: advice on Habitats Regulations Assessments’ by the Planning Inspectorate in September 2024 and in consultation with Natural England.
- **6.7 Statement of Statutory Nuisance** – sets out the matters in Section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect to statutory nuisance, the potential of the Proposed Project to cause statutory nuisance and the measures that have been incorporated into the Proposed Project to mitigate any such potential nuisances. This document has been submitted in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(f) of the APFP Regulations;
- **6.8 Flood Risk Assessment** – sets out the assessment of the risk of flooding and identification of mitigation measures where appropriate. This assessment has been submitted in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(e) of the APFP Regulations;
- **6.9 Water Framework Directive Assessment** – documents the Water Framework Directive (WFD) screening assessment undertaken for the Proposed Project;
- **6.10 Arboricultural Impact Assessment** – sets out the site-specific effect of planned development on the existing tree stock.
- **6.11 Marine Conservation Zone Assessment** – provides information to inform consultation on whether the Offshore Scheme is capable of affecting the features and conservation objectives of a Marine Conservation Zone;
- **6.12 Biodiversity Net Gain Feasibility Report** – outlines National Grid’s approach to Net Gain;
- **6.13 Marine Plan Policy Assessment** – assesses the Proposed Project’s compliance with the relevant Marine Plans;

- **6.14 Environmental Scoping Report 2022** – a copy of National Grid’s Scoping Report that was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 24 October 2022; and
- **6.15 Scoping Opinion 2022** – a copy of the Scoping Opinion adopted by the Planning Inspectorate on 1 December 2022.

2.7 Volume 7: Other Documents

- 2.7.1 Volume 7 provides other documents which National Grid has submitted to adhere to the APFP Regulations and/or which are considered by National Grid to be required to support the application.

Volume contents

- 2.7.2 The following documents are contained within this volume:

- **7.1 Planning Statement** – identifies the context and need for the Proposed Project and includes an assessment of how the Proposed Project accords with relevant national, regional and local planning policies;
- **7.2 Strategic Options Back Check Report** – document the work undertaken to identify, appraise and develop strategic design options, which led to the proposals in the application. This document includes a cover note describing the back-check that has been undertaken to ensure the conclusions of the Strategic Options Report published in October 2023 remain valid;
- **7.3 Design Development Report** – provides an overview of the design rationale and evolution for the Proposed Project and back check review of key design decisions;
- **7.4 Statement of Commonality** – provides a summary of the status of each Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), including those that have been submitted with the application and those that are in progress but not yet submitted with the application. This is a live document that will be updated during the course of the Examination and submitted at appropriate Examination deadlines. This document is accompanied by the following:
 - **7.4.1 to 7.4.15 Statements of Common Ground** – includes SoCGs outlining matters of agreement between National Grid and key stakeholders as well as where agreement has not been reached at the time of submitting the application;
- **7.5.1.1 Outline Construction Traffic Management and Travel Plan – Suffolk** and **7.5.1.2 Outline Construction Traffic Management and Travel Plan – Kent** – set out proposals for the management of construction traffic on the local highway network in the vicinity of the Proposed Project during the construction period in order to limit any potential disruptions and implications on the overall transport network.
- **7.5.2 Outline Offshore Construction Environmental Management Plan** – sets out overarching principles and detailed measures to minimise as far as reasonably practicable and mitigate the effects of the construction activities associated with the Proposed Project on the marine environment;
- **7.5.3 Outline Onshore Construction Environmental Management Plan** – sets out overarching principles and detailed measures to minimise as far as reasonably practicable and mitigate the effects of the construction activities associated with the Proposed Project on the surrounding terrestrial environment. This document is supported by the following appendices:
 - **7.5.3.1 CEMP Appendix A – Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)** – sets out the standard good practice measures that will be undertaken during the construction of the Proposed Project;

- **7.5.3.2 CEMP Appendix B – Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC)** – provides a record of all environmental commitments and measures assumed within the ES.
- **7.5.4.1 Outline Onshore Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation – Suffolk** and **7.5.4.2 Outline Onshore Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation – Kent** – provide a summary of the known and potential terrestrial archaeological resource that may be impacted by the Proposed Project along with methodologies, procedures and individual mitigation measures recommended to protect these assets from significant environmental effects’
- **7.5.5 Outline Offshore Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation** – provides a summary of the known and potential marine archaeological resource that may be impacted by the Proposed Project along with methodologies, procedures and individual mitigation measures recommended to protect these assets from significant environmental effects;
- **7.5.6.1 Outline Air Quality Management Plan – Suffolk** and **7.5.6.2 Outline Air Quality Management Plan – Kent** – detail how the Proposed Project will implement measures to control and limit emissions to the atmosphere;
- **7.5.7.1 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan – Suffolk** and **7.5.7.2 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan – Kent** – sets out the framework for the planting, management and monitoring of landscaping and ecological mitigation and enhancement habitats;
- **7.5.8.1 Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan – Suffolk** and **7.5.8.2 Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan – Kent** – set out the framework for the management of noise and vibration impacts and the potential site-specific measures and construction methodologies required to help avoid or reduce potential noise and vibration effects during construction;
- **7.5.9.1 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan – Suffolk** and **7.5.9.2 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan – Kent** – describe where PROWs would be affected by the Proposed Project and how they would be managed to ensure they remain safe to use, and disruption to the users of the PROW is minimised;
- **7.5.10.1 Outline Soil Management Plan – Suffolk** and **7.5.10.2 Outline Soil Management Plan – Kent** – provide guidance in relation to soil handling, management and restoration throughout the Proposed Project;
- **7.5.11 Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Plan** – details appropriate mitigation measures to minimise and mitigate the effects of offshore construction activities on marine mammals;
- **7.5.12 Outline Invasive Non-Native Species Management Plan** – describes the potential risks of marine invasive non-native species introduction associated with the Proposed Project and provides a framework for preventing their introduction and spread during the various phases of the Proposed Project;
- **7.5.13 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy** – presents the overarching greenhouse gas management principles and foundational greenhouse gas management requirements to reduce and manage greenhouse gas emissions related to the Proposed Project;

- **7.6 Marine Archaeological Method Statements** – sets out the proposed strategy and methodology of the geoarchaeological works that will be implemented in support of the marine Ground Investigation works;
- **7.7 Marine Biosecurity Plan** – has been prepared to support **7.5.12 Outline Invasive Non-Native Species Management Plan** and describes the potential risks of marine invasive non-native species introduction and spread associated with the Proposed Project and provides a framework for preventing this during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases;
- **7.8 Red Throated Diver Protocol** – provides a best practice protocol to minimise the disturbance to non-breeding red-throated diver during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Project;
- **7.9 Equalities Impact Assessment** – provides details of how National Grid has paid due regard to the needs of protected characteristic groups in line with the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED);
- **7.10 Coordination Document** – presents an overview of the Proposed Project’s coordination efforts to date with other projects in the area, including coordination in consenting, project development and construction;
- **7.11.1 Design Approach Document – Suffolk** and **7.11.2 Design Approach Document – Kent** – present the site specific design approach and solution for above ground elements of the Proposed Project, including how site-specific design principles have been derived following analysis of each site’s constraints and opportunities; and
- **7.12.1 Design Principles – Suffolk** and **7.12.2 Design Principles – Kent** – set out key design principles that National Grid would be required to adhere to when developing the detailed design of the converter stations and substations.

2.8 Volume 8: Historical Reports and Documentation

- 2.8.1 This volume includes historic reports and documents that were produced to support the development of the Proposed Project.

Volume contents

- 2.8.2 The following documents are contained within this volume:
- **8.1 Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Substation Siting Study (October 2022)** – this report was part of the suite of consultation documents for the non-statutory consultation in 2022. It summarises the identified preferred routes and locations for the new infrastructure associated with the Proposed Project;
 - **8.2 Options Selection and Design Evolution Report (October 2023)** – this report was part of the suite of consultation documents for the statutory consultation in 2023. The report presents the options appraisal process, the outcomes of the option selection process following feedback from the non-statutory consultation in 2022 and describes how the Proposed Project had evolved to the design that was subject to statutory consultation in 2023; and
 - **8.3 Strategic Options Report (October 2023)** – this report was part of the suite of consultation documents for the statutory consultation in 2023. It provided an overview of the strategic options identified and evaluated for reinforcing the network in the South East and East Anglia regions.

2.9 Volume 9: Examination Submissions

- 2.9.1 This Volume includes additional documents that have been produced for submission prior to and during Examination, in support of the Application.
- 2.9.2 At each Examination deadline, a summary of the documents submitted will be contained within the respective deadline Cover Letter

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Appendix A

Application Document Tracker

A.1.1 Table A.1 below provides a full list of application documents submitted to date. The below table will be used as a 'live' document during the examination capturing all updates and revisions to the application documents. For ease of reference the documents are grouped by volumes. The 'Examination Document Library Reference' will not be listed until this document is updated during the examination as these references only become known following submission of the application. All application documents are revision number (A) at submission and will be updated accordingly if revisions are required during the examination.

Documents coloured light green are the latest version.

Documents greyed out with strikethrough text have been superseded.

Appendix Table A.1 Application Document Tracker

Application Document Ref	APFP Reg	Name of Document	Version Number	Examination Document Library Reference	Examination Deadline / Submission Date
1.1	5(2)(q)	Cover Letter	A	APP-001	March 2025
1.2	5(1)	Application Form	A	APP-002	March 2025
1.3	5(2)(q)	Navigation Document	A	APP-003	March 2025
1.3	5(2)(q)	Navigation Document	B	TBC	June 2025
1.4	5(2)(q)	Electronic Application Index	A	APP-004	March 2025
1.5	5(2)(q)	Self Completed Section 55 Checklist	A	APP-005	March 2025
1.6	5(2)(q)	Glossaries & Acronyms	A	APP-006	March 2025
2.1	5(2)(q)	Guide to the Plans	A	APP-017	March 2025

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2.2	5(2)(o)	Location Plans	A	APP-018	March 2025
2.3	5(2)(i)	Land Plans	A	APP-019	March 2025
2.4	5(2)(n) & 5(2)(i)(iv)	Special Category and Crown Land Plans	A	APP-020	March 2025
2.5.1	5(2)(j)	Work Plans - Suffolk	A	APP-021	March 2025
2.5.2	5(2)(j)	Work Plans - Kent	A	APP-022	March 2025
2.5.3	5(2)(j)	Work Plans - Offshore	A	APP-023	March 2025
2.6	5(2)(o)	Traffic Regulation Order Plans	A	APP-024	March 2025
2.7	5(2)(k)	Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans	A	APP-025	March 2025
2.7	5(2)(k)	Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans	B	TBC	June 2025
2.8.1	5(2)(l)	Statutory and Non Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance - Suffolk	A	APP-026	March 2025
2.8.2	5(2)(l)	Statutory and Non Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance - Kent	A	APP-027	March 2025

Application Document Ref	APFP Reg	Name of Document	Version Number	Examination Document Library Reference	Examination Deadline / Submission Date
2.8.3	5(2)(l)	Statutory and Non Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance - Offshore	A	APP-028	March 2025
2.9	5(2)(l)	Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats	A	APP-029	March 2025
2.9.3	5(2)(l)	CONFIDENTIAL Habitats of Protected Species - Location of Badger Setts Plans - Suffolk	A	APP-030	March 2025
2.9.4	5(2)(l)	CONFIDENTIAL Habitats of Protected Species - Location of Badger Setts Plans - Kent	A	APP-031	March 2025
2.10.1	5(2)(m)	Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Suffolk	A	APP-032	March 2025
2.10.2	5(2)(m)	Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Kent	A	APP-033	March 2025
2.10.3	5(2)(m)	Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Offshore	A	APP-034	March 2025
2.11	5(2)(l)	Water Bodies in the River Basin Plans	A	APP-035	March 2025
2.12	5(2)(o)	Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans	A	APP-036	March 2025
2.13	5(2)(o)	Design and Layout Plans	A	APP-037	March 2025
2.14.1	5(2)(o)	Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Suffolk	A	APP-038	March 2025
2.14.2	5(2)(o)	Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Kent	A	APP-039	March 2025
2.14.3	5(2)(o)	Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Offshore	A	APP-040	March 2025
3.1	5(2)(b)	draft Development Consent Order	A	APP-007	March 2025

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3.1	5(2)(b)	draft Development Consent Order	B	TBC	June 2025
3.2	5(2)(c)	Explanatory Memorandum	A	APP-008	March 2025
3.3	5(2)(b)	Validation Report	A	APP-009	March 2025
3.4	5(2)(b)	draft Development Consent Order (Editable Version)	A	N/A	March 2025
3.5	5(2)(q)	Consents and Agreements Position Statement	A	APP-010	March 2025
4.1	5(2)(h)	Funding Statement	A	APP-011	March 2025
4.2	5(2)(h)	Statement of Reasons	A	APP-012	March 2025
4.2	5(2)(h)	Statement of Reasons	B	TBC	June 2025
4.2.1	5(2)(h)	SoR Appendix A Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Powers	A	APP-013	March 2025
4.2.2	5(2)(h)	SoR Appendix B Schedule of Negotiations with Land Interests	A	APP-014	March 2025
4.2.3	5(2)(h)	SoR Appendix C Special Category Land Report	A	APP-015	March 2025
4.3	5(2)(d)	Book of Reference	A	APP-016	March 2025
5.1	5(2)(q)	Consultation Report	A	APP-301	March 2025
5.1.1	5(2)(q)	Annex 1 Consultation Compliance Checklist	A	APP-302	March 2025

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5.1.2	5(2)(q)	Appendix A Non Statutory Engagement	A	APP-303	March 2025
5.1.3	5(2)(q)	Appendix B EIA Scoping	A	APP-304	March 2025
5.1.4	5(2)(q)	Appendix C Non Statutory Consultation Part 1 of 3	A	APP-305	March 2025
5.1.4	5(2)(q)	Appendix C Non Statutory Consultation Part 2 of 3	A	APP-306	March 2025
5.1.4	5(2)(q)	Appendix C Non Statutory Consultation Part 3 of 3	A	APP-307	March 2025
5.1.5	5(2)(q)	Appendix D SoCC	A	APP-308	March 2025
5.1.6	5(2)(q)	Appendix E Statutory Consultation Part 1 of 4	A	APP-309	March 2025
5.1.6	5(2)(q)	Appendix E Statutory Consultation Part 2 of 4	A	APP-310	March 2025
5.1.6	5(2)(q)	Appendix E Statutory Consultation Part 3 of 4	A	APP-311	March 2025
5.1.6	5(2)(q)	Appendix E Statutory Consultation Part 4 of 4	A	APP-312	March 2025
5.1.7	5(2)(q)	Appendix F Targeted Consultation Part 1 of 2	A	APP-313	March 2025
5.1.7	5(2)(q)	Appendix F Targeted Consultation Part 2 of 2	A	APP-314	March 2025
5.1.8	5(2)(q)	Appendix G Land referencing methodology	A	APP-315	March 2025
5.1.9	5(2)(q)	Appendix H Pre-submission engagement Part 1 of 3	A	APP-316	March 2025
5.1.9	5(2)(q)	Appendix H Pre-submission engagement Part 2 of 3	A	APP-317	March 2025
5.1.9	5(2)(q)	Appendix H Pre-submission engagement Part 3 of 3	A	APP-318	March 2025
6.1	5(2)(a)	Environmental Statement Non Technical Summary	A	APP-041	March 2025
6.1	5(2)(a)	Environmental Statement Non Technical Summary	A	TBC	June 2025
6.2.1.1	5(2)(a)	Part 1 Introduction Chapter 1 Introduction	A	APP-042	March 2025

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6.2.1.2	5(2)(a)	Part 1 Introduction Chapter 2 Regulatory and Planning Context	A	APP-043	March 2025
6.2.1.3	5(2)(a)	Part 1 Introduction Chapter 3 Main Alternatives Considered	A	APP-044	March 2025
6.2.1.4	5(2)(a)	Part 1 Introduction Chapter 4 Description of the Proposed Project	A	APP-045	March 2025
6.2.1.4	5(2)(a)	Part 1 Introduction Chapter 4 Description of the Proposed Project	B	TBC	June 2025
6.2.1.5	5(2)(a)	Part 1 Introduction Chapter 5 EIA Approach and Methodology	A	APP-046	March 2025
6.2.1.6	5(2)(a)	Part 1 Introduction Chapter 6 Scoping Opinion and EIA Consultation	A	APP-047	March 2025
6.2.2.1	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 1 Landscape and Visual	A	APP-048	March 2025
6.2.2.2	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity	A	APP-049	March 2025
6.2.2.3	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 3 Cultural Heritage	A	APP-050	March 2025
6.2.2.4	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 4 Water Environment	A	APP-051	March 2025
6.2.2.5	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 5 Geology and Hydrogeology	A	APP-052	March 2025
6.2.2.6	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 6 Agriculture and Soils	A	APP-053	March 2025
6.2.2.7	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 7 Traffic and Transport	A	APP-054	March 2025
6.2.2.8	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 8 Air Quality	A	APP-055	March 2025

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6.2.2.9	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 9 Noise and Vibration	A	APP-056	March 2025
6.2.2.10	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 10 Socio-Economics, Recreation and Tourism	A	APP-057	March 2025
6.2.2.11	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 11 Health and Wellbeing	A	APP-058	March 2025
6.2.2.11	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 11 Health and Wellbeing	A	TBC	May 2025
6.2.2.12	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 12 Suffolk Onshore Scheme Intra-Project Cumulative Effects	A	APP-059	March 2025
6.2.2.13	5(2)(a)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 13 Suffolk Onshore Scheme Inter-Project Cumulative Effects	A	APP-060	March 2025
6.2.3.1	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 1 Landscape and Visual	A	APP-061	March 2025
6.2.3.2	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity	A	APP-062	March 2025
6.2.3.3	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 3 Cultural Heritage	A	APP-063	March 2025
6.2.3.4	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 4 Water Environment	A	APP-064	March 2025
6.2.3.5	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 5 Geology and Hydrogeology	A	APP-065	March 2025
6.2.3.6	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 6 Agriculture and Soils	A	APP-066	March 2025
6.2.3.7	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 7 Traffic and Transport	A	APP-067	March 2025
6.2.3.8	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 8 Air Quality	A	APP-068	March 2025
6.2.3.9	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 9 Noise and Vibration	A	APP-069	March 2025
6.2.3.10	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 10 Socio-Economics Recreation and Tourism	A	APP-070	March 2025

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6.2.3.11	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 11 Health and Wellbeing	A	APP-071	March 2025
6.2.3.12	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 12 Kent Onshore Scheme Intra-Project Cumulative Effects	A	APP-072	March 2025
6.2.3.13	5(2)(a)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 13 Kent Onshore Scheme Inter-Project Cumulative Effects	A	APP-073	March 2025
6.2.4.1	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 1 Physical Environment	A	APP-074	March 2025
6.2.4.2	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 2 Benthic Ecology	A	APP-075	March 2025
6.2.4.2	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 2 Benthic Ecology	B	TBC	June 2025
6.2.4.3	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 3 Fish and Shellfish Ecology	A	APP-076	March 2025
6.2.4.3	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 3 Fish and Shellfish Ecology	B	TBC	June 2025
6.2.4.4	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 4 Marine Mammals	A	APP-077	March 2025
6.2.4.4	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 4 Marine Mammals	B	TBC	June 2025
6.2.4.5	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 5 Marine Ornithology	A	APP-078	March 2025
6.2.4.6	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 6 Marine Archaeology	A	APP-079	March 2025
6.2.4.7	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 7 Shipping and Navigation	A	APP-080	March 2025
6.2.4.8	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 8 Commercial Fisheries	A	APP-081	March 2025
6.2.4.9	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 9 Other Sea Users	A	APP-082	March 2025
6.2.4.10	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 10 Intra-Project Cumulative Effects	A	APP-083	March 2025

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6.2.4.11	5(2)(a)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 11 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects	A	APP-084	March 2025
6.2.5.1	5(2)(a)	Part 5 Combined Chapter 1 Climate Change	A	APP-085	March 2025
6.2.5.2	5(2)(a)	Part 5 Combined Chapter 2 Project-wide (Combined) Effects of the Proposed Project	A	APP-086	March 2025
6.2.5.3	5(2)(a)	Part 5 Combined Chapter 3 Summary of Likely Significant Effects	A	APP-087	March 2025
6.3.1.1.A	5(2)(a)	ES Appendix 1.1.A Statement of Competence	A	APP-088	March 2025
6.3.1.4.A	5(2)(a)	ES Appendix 1.4.A Crossings Schedules	A	APP-089	March 2025
6.3.1.4.B	5(2)(a)	ES Appendix 1.4.B Construction Plant Schedule	A	APP-090	March 2025
6.3.1.5.A	5(2)(a)	ES Appendix 1.5.A Cumulative Effects Assessment Methodologies	A	APP-091	March 2025
6.3.1.5.B	5(2)(a)	ES Appendix 1.5.B Inter-Project Cumulative Effects Long List	A	APP-092	March 2025
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