



The Planning Inspectorate

The Planning Act 2008

Application for Development Consent for the Sea Link Project

Case Ref: EN020026

The Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection

Background

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook an unaccompanied site inspection (USI) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Sea Link Project (application) on the morning of Wednesday 25 June 2025.

The ExA carried out its USI from publicly accessible land (roads, footpaths and bridleways).

The USI was undertaken to view the Bramford National Grid 400kV sub-station at Bullen Lane, Bramford, IP8 4JL. The USI aimed to give the ExA an appreciation of the nature and scale of this form of infrastructure (recognising that the Bramford sub-station does not include a HVDC converter station).

Particulars of the Unaccompanied Site Inspection

The USI was undertaken by: Richard Hunt, Nancy Thomas and Simon Warder.

The USI was undertaken by car and on foot. Weather conditions were dry and sunny with a temperature circa 24 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate long range views. The USI commenced at approximately 13:30 and finished at approximately 13:45.

The ExA was able to see the substation building with its associated external plant, the relationship with the overhead lines and pylons as well as the access arrangements and ancillary works (including planted boundaries).