

Planning Inspectorate

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To whom it may concern,

RE: Statement of support for RSPB & Kent Wildlife Trust Relevant Representations

Suffolk Wildlife Trust will not be submitting a Relevant Representation or registering as an interested party in the DCO Application for Sea Link, in part due to the large number of NSIPs in Suffolk and our limited resources meaning we do not have the capacity to engage with all of them when they reach application stage.

However, we were able to engage with National Grid and respond to consultations at the pre-application stage and we maintain an interest in the outcome of the DCO Application and the scheme's ability to avoid and minimise adverse impacts to biodiversity and deliver meaningful environmental enhancement on the Suffolk Coast and in the marine environment, including as a member of the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape Partnership, which has made its own Relevant Representation.

Having read the Relevant Representations of the RSPB and Kent Wildlife Trust, we wish to express our support for these where they relate to those elements of the proposals located in Suffolk and in the marine environment.

While we will not be participating independently in the DCO Examination, we remain open to engagement with NGET and the Sea Link project team on avoiding and minimising adverse wildlife impacts; delivering the best possible outcomes from mitigation and compensation; and ensuring that environmental enhancements where possible are delivered strategically and at a meaningful scale.

To this end, we will be encouraging NGET to continue their support for joint meetings on ecology with National Grid Ventures (NGV) LionLink project team and key stakeholders with an interest in the overall ecological impacts and outcomes of these and other major energy infrastructure projects on the Suffolk Coast.

Yours faithfully,

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