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Subject: National Trust - Addendum to Representations made as an Interested party. Pre-examination stage Sea Link DCO

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are submitting the above addendum to our previously submitted representations. Whilst we note that this further information is being made outside of the timetable set for the submission of representations for the pre-examination stage of the DCO, we consider that special circumstances exist in this case for them to be accepted by the examining authority. These are as follows:

- The information contained in the addendum is crucial in informing the examining authority and developers of the National Trust' legal position in relation to this project;
- It was only possible to draft the addendum following a meeting between the National Trust and the developers representatives last week.

We hope that in the light of this information that you are able to accept this representation as it will help inform discussion and negotiations between the parties moving forward.

Yours faithfully,

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Further to our relevant representations of the 23rd June 2025, and for absolute clarity, we welcome further discussion with the developer and other key stakeholders, however, until such time as adequate information can be given to the National Trust with regards to the construction and design methods, and other matters outstanding, we OBJECT to the Development Consent Order application as submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

We continue to explore with the developer whether use of National Trust inalienable land for the development is appropriate but as of yet are not able to agree terms without clarity as the nature, scope and extent of the intended use. Should negotiations fail and the developer be minded to amend the application to include proposals to compulsory purchase National Trust inalienable land or rights over National Trust inalienable land, on the information currently available the National Trust would need to object to such a proposal.

To that end, the National Trust continues to encourage the developer to consider additional mitigation to support the ongoing management and future conservation of Pegwell Bay and would welcome discussion on this topic with both the National Trust as landowner and the Kent Wildlife Trust as site manager.