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The Planning Act 2008 (as amended) section 89(3)

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (the applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sea Link Project

I write in response to your letter dated 5 August 2025 requesting further information for the Sea Link DCO Examination.

Please find enclosed a Clean and a Tracked Change version of the Statement of Reasons Appendix A - Details of Purpose for Which Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Powers are Sought [APP-013]. As requested, this has been revised to include details of the plots in Kent.

We are currently in the process of producing the rest of the information that was requested in your 5 August letter, but there are some areas where we do need to provide an update or request clarification. I do so below, responding under the headings in your 5 August letter for ease of reference.

Land rights and related matters

Land Rights Tracker (LRT)

I am pleased to say that on Thursday 24 July 2025 we held a very productive meeting with the Planning Inspectorate to discuss the format of the LRT, and that there has been further contact since the initial meeting.

I understand that a further meeting is scheduled for early September to confirm the final format of the LRT. The Applicant therefore proposes to submit a fully populated version of

the LRT in the agreed format as soon as possible after that meeting, but that this will have to be after the 1 September deadline, as by this date the final format of the LRT will still be under discussion.

We will address the various issues that you have raised for land rights and related matters and also conduct a consistency review of the various Land Rights and related documents and will advise you of the need for any further updates are required to address.

Representations identifying additional submissions

The Applicant is currently reviewing the Relevant Representations and understands the ExA's view that the responses to several of the RRs may require additional submissions that may take time to prepare.

The Applicant is therefore proposing that, by the 1 September, all the RRs highlighted in your 5 August Letter will have been reviewed, and a list of additional submissions identified. The Applicant will also provide a detailed response to all the RRs highlighted (as well as a number of others) prior to the start of the Examination, but it will not be possible to provide a full response to the ExA by the 1 September.

The Applicant understands this approach to be consistent with the request in the letter but would welcome any confirmation if this is not the case.

Navigation Installation Plan

In response to the concerns raised by PINS relating to provision of a Navigational Installation plan according to Schedule 16 condition 4(1)k of the draft DCO, as well as relevant Rep issues raised by Sizewell C Statutory Harbour Authority, Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (KEIFCA) [RR-2976] the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (EIFCA [RR-1422]), the applicant can confirm we have noted the stakeholders concerns and are taking actions to address them, and will submit detailed responses on September 1.

Historic England

We can confirm that the intrusive surveys for heritage assets for the Project are complete, and that we are currently discussing the results of these surveys with Historic England. As requested, we will provide you with an update on the publication of this information by 1 September.

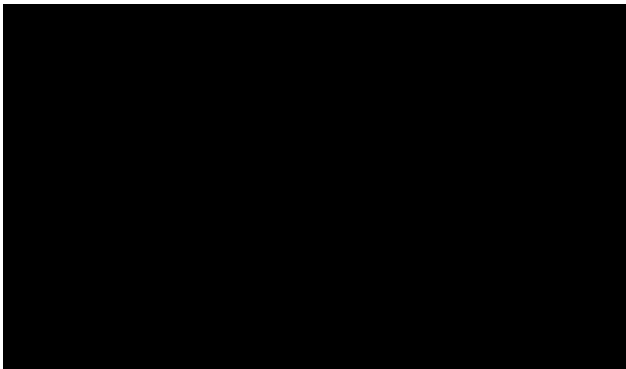
Surveys

I can confirm that we are committed to undertaking a seal survey in August, as you requested in your July letter. We are currently scheduling this survey but should make you aware that the final survey report may not be available by the 1 September. The reason for this is the short timescale between undertaking the survey and the time required to analyse

and report on the results makes this difficult to achieve but we will however update you with results where possible as a minimum by the 1 September.

I trust that the attached information is satisfactory and note that you have requested further information from us by 1 September, which we will look to provide you with by this deadline.

Yours sincerely,



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