

PLANNING ACT 2008

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 56 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

I HEREBY certify that, in compliance with the requirements of section 56 of the Planning Act 2008

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- (a) notice of the accepted application was given to the required persons identified in accordance with section 56 save for those required persons listed in Appendix A, for the reasons detailed;
- (b) a copy of the accepted application and accompanying documents and information was made available to the required persons; and
- (c) the accepted application was published in the required manner. See Appendix B for list of publications.

In relation to the application for an order to grant development consent for the Sea Link project, comprising 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.

The Project also includes modifications to sections of existing overhead lines in Suffolk (only if Friston Substation is not built pursuant to another extant 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 and other ancillary operations.

The DCO would also make provision for Associated Development for the construction and maintenance of the Project, including the diversion of utilities and public rights of way, provision for access, landscape works and environmental mitigation.

The DCO would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project. The DCO would also authorise the construction of temporary and permanent accesses to the Project, the temporary stopping up or diversion of public rights of way, street works, and highway works and the application and disapplication of certain legislation.

The deadline date for all representations to be received by the Planning Inspectorate under section 56 was 23 June 2025 at 23:59 or, in the case of any persons responding to the notices issued directly or published in the East Anglian Daily Times in July 2025, 18 August 2025.

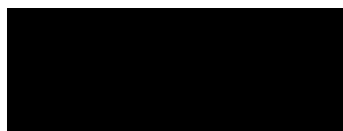
During the relevant representation submission period, six postal notifications issued to Category 3 parties were returned confirming that the contact was incorrect. Details of subsequent actions taken are set out in Schedule 2 of Appendix A.

Completed certificate to be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than 10 working days after the deadline date stating the applicant has fulfilled all the requirements at (a), (b) and (c) above).

Case reference no. EN020026

Applicant National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (company number 02366977) of National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick, CV34 6DA

Signed



Name in capitals SEAN STOKOE

Date 19/08/2025

Warning:

Section 127 of the Magistrates' Court Act 1980 (c. 43) has effect under Section 58 of the Planning Act 2008 subject to section 58(6).

It is an offence if a person issues this certificate as a certificate under section 58 of the Planning Act 2008 if it contains a statement which the person knows to be false and misleading in a material particular.

It is an offence if a person recklessly issues this certificate under section 58 of the Planning Act 2008, if it contains a statement which is false or misleading in a material particular.

Appendix A: Schedule of missed party and notices returned to sender, with details of remedial actions

Schedule 1: Notice not served		
Name	Type of consultee	Details and action taken
Sizewell C Limited	Prescribed consultee (statutory undertaker)	<p>The Applicant consulted EDF Nuclear Generation Limited through issuing the Section 56 notice and had incorrectly assumed that this would elicit responses on behalf of both Sizewell B and Sizewell C. Sizewell C Limited operates as a separate entity and should have been consulted as such. Sizewell C made a Relevant Representation and shared this directly with the Applicant, so has not been prejudiced from participating in the Examination.</p> <p>Further, the Applicant has been engaging with Sizewell C on an informal basis for several years, including in the run up to submission where a senior meeting between the two parties was held on 20 February 2025 and both parties attended a coordination meeting on 19 March 2025. The Applicant is engaging with Sizewell C to resolve issues raised in their Relevant Representation.</p>
Schedule 2: Schedule of changes in respect of service of notices after submission of Book of Reference APP-042 in respect of Category 3 Interests		
Name	New address where served	Details and action taken
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Initial notice pack sent on 07/05/2025 c/o Clarke Willmott LLP of Blackbrook Gate, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2PG who got in contact to say they do not represent the party. Notice resent to the address of the property the title is for on 23/06/2025 and confirmed as delivered. The original address was as per the registered title entry. This party has received a further update to the original notice due to being identified later in the process, confirming a subsequent extension to the Relevant Representations period and that they had more time to respond. This was posted on 13/08/2025 and delivery was confirmed on 15/08/2025.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Initial notice pack sent on 07/05/2025 c/o Clarke Willmott LLP of Blackbrook Gate, Blackbrook Park Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2PG who got in contact to say they do not represent the party. Further checks of the party at the address of the property the title is for indicated the party is deceased. Notice resent to The Personal Representative at this address on 23/06/2025 and confirmed as delivered. The original address was as per the registered title entry. The original address was as per the registered title entry. This party has received a further update to the original notice due to being identified later in the process, confirming a subsequent extension to the Relevant Representations period and that they had

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	c/o	Initial notice sent on 07/05/2025 to Hong Kong was subsequently returned to sender. No additional address available for the party and interest address was land only so notice pack was issued to a joint freeholder with the same surname on 23/06/2025 and confirmed as delivered. This party has received a further update to the original notice due to being identified later in the process, confirming a subsequent extension to the Relevant Representations period and that they had more time to respond. This was posted on 13/08/2025 and delivery was confirmed on 15/08/2025.
The Occupier	Richborough Energy Park A B B Power Station Ramsgate Road Sandwich CT13 9NL	Initial notice sent on 07/05/2025 was returned with the reason of "Addressee gone away". Notice resent on 23/06/2025 but status remains as "In Transit". This address is believed to be correct as per Royal Mail system but it has not been possible to confirm delivery. This party has received a further update to the original notice due to being identified later in the process, confirming a subsequent extension to the Relevant Representations period and that they had more time to respond. This was posted on 13/08/2025 but delivery has not yet been recorded. Enquiries are ongoing as to any alternative address.

		Laura Barton was identified from a Land Interest Questionnaire that confirmed she was buying the property, but at that time her address was stated as being her previous address. She has now moved into the property and as a result her address has changed to 26 Manor Gardens. A new notice was re-served on 06/06/2025 which was confirmed as delivered, and Laura Barton has since submitted a Relevant Representation.
	21	The Humphreys sent correspondence to the Sea Link project to confirm that they had bought their property, and that they had received a letter to the previous owner in error. They have since been sent a s56 notice confirming that there has been a subsequent extension to the Relevant Representations period and that they had more time to respond. This letter was posted 13/08/2025 and delivery was confirmed on 15/08/2025.
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		Mr Saunders was confirmed as being deceased after initial notices were served. A new notice was served to the personal representative of his estate on 19/05/2025, which was confirmed as delivered.
		A pack was originally posted to the former owner of Peartree Farm that was returned to sender. Damaris Smith was confirmed as a joint new owner following the sale of the property. A new notice pack was posted on 19/05/2025 and was confirmed as delivered.
	Peartree Farm Knodishall Saxmundham IP17 1TN	A pack was originally posted to the former owner of Peartree Farm that was returned to sender. Adrian Smith was confirmed as a joint new owner of following the sale of the property. A new notice pack was posted on 19/05/2025 and was confirmed as delivered.
		Irma Peters was sent a notice to the last known address noted on the land registry title on 07/05/2025, but this was returned to sender. Her interest relates to land that is not directly addressable, and no better address has been identified following diligent enquiries to date. Enquiries are ongoing.
		Jeremy Blackmore was sent a notice to the last known address noted on the land registry title on 07/05/2025, but this was returned to sender. His interest relates to land that is not directly addressable, and no better address has been identified following diligent enquiries to date. Enquiries are ongoing.

Appendix B: Newspaper notice publication dates

Newspaper	Publication date 1	Publication date 2	Additional publication date 1	Additional publication date 2
Fishing News	15 May	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kentish Gazette	15 May	22 May	N/A	N/A
East Anglian Daily Times	12 May	Not published (due 19 May)	11 July	18 July
London Gazette	09 May	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lloyd's List	12 May	N/A	N/A	N/A
The Guardian	13 May	N/A	N/A	N/A