#### **PLANNING ACT 2008**

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

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 59 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

The names, addresses for service and contact details of the affected persons are -

#### **EITHER**

(a) as prescribed in Part 1 of the book of reference (persons within category 1 set out in section 57(1) of the Planning Act 2008 and persons within Category 2 set out in section 57(2) of that Act):

**NO** (please delete as applicable).

### OR

(b) as prescribed in Part 1 of the book of reference (persons within category 1 set out in section 57(1) of the Planning Act 2008 and persons within Category 2 set out in section 57(2) of that Act), subject to the changes described in documentation attached to this notice:

YES (please delete as applicable).

#### OR

(c) as described in the documentation attached to this Notice:

**NO** (please delete as applicable).

- 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.

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

#### Notes:

(A) Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the applicant to have; (a) given notice of an accepted application to the required persons; (b) made available to the required persons a copy of the application and accompanying documents and information; and (c) publicised the application in the prescribed manner).

- (B) Section 57 of the Planning Act 2008 defines a person as being within Categories 1 and 2 as follows:
  - (1) A person is within Category 1 if the applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person is an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land.
  - (2) A person is within Category 2 of the applicant, after making diligent inquiry, knows that the person; (a) is interest in the land, or (b) has power to either sell or convey the land or to release the land.
- (C) Section 58 of the Planning Act 2008 requires the applicant to certify to the Commission that the applicant has complied with the requirements of section 56 of the Act.
- (D) The book of reference is defined in regulation 7 of the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

# Schedule of Variation: Schedule of changes in respect of service of notices after submission of Book of Reference **APP-042** in respect of Category 1 and Category 2 Interests

BoR plot number and Category	Contact Name	New address where served	Actions Taken
3/92,3/94 Kent Category 1/2			Initial notice pack sent on 07/05/2025 was returned to sender with the reason of "address inaccessible". Upon further review of the rights interest the notice pack was sent in relation to, it has been determined that it does not impact land within the order limits, and the party does not require a notice.
3/92,3/94 Kent Category 1/2			Initial notice pack sent on 07/05/2025 was returned to sender with the reason of "address inaccessible". Upon further review of the rights interest the notice pack was sent in relation to, it has been determined that it does not impact land within the order limits, and the party does not require a notice.
3/83 Kent Category 1			This plot was missing on the Book of Reference but should have been included and will be picked up as an erratum change. This did not impact their notice service. Notice was sent on 07/05/2025 and was confirmed as delivered.
3/83 Kent Category 2	Sunsave 1 Limited	The Goods Shed Jubilee Way Faversham	This plot was missing on the Book of Reference but should have been included and will be picked up as an erratum

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		ME13 8GD	change. This did not impact their notice service. Notice was sent on 07/05/2025 and was confirmed as delivered.
2/21 Suffolk	Blackheath Farms Limited	Charter Place 23-27 Seaton Place St. Helier Jersey JE2 3QL	Blackheath Farms have a minor presumed subsoil interest under the ad medium filum presumption that was erroneously missed in the Book of Reference. This did not impact their notice service. Notice was sent on 07/05/2025 and was confirmed as delivered.
2/21 Suffolk	Richard Bruce Bloomfield	Marsh Farm Sandy Lane Sternfield Saxmundham IP17 1HW	Mr Bloomfield has a minor presumed subsoil interest under the ad medium filum presumption that was erroneously missed in the Book of Reference. This did mean that they received a cover letter with the notice that suggested their only interest was outside of the scheme. However, that notice was sent on 07/05/2025 and was confirmed as delivered.
1/5 Suffolk	J.T.Pegg & Sons Limited	44a Park Road Aldeburgh IP15 5EU	Due to an error in the Book of Reference where plot 1/5 in Suffolk cuts slightly into an adjacent property, J.T.Pegg & Sons Limited were omitted from the Book of Reference but should have been included. This did mean that they received a cover letter with the notice that suggested their only interest was outside of the scheme. However, that notice was

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