

Our reference KIAND/340049-21

6 October 2025

BY EMAIL

To whom it may concern
National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
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Dear Sir/Madam

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an order (“the Proposed Order”) granting development consent for the South East Anglia Link (Sea Link) Project (“the Application”)

PINS reference: EN020026

Interested Party reference: F46C9EB22

We act for London Gateway Port Limited (“LGPL”). LGPL are an interested party (reference: F46C9EB22) to the examination.

We refer to your letter dated 19 September 2025 pursuant to Rule 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (“the Rule 6 Letter”). The Rule 6 Letter invites interested parties to attend the Preliminary Meeting which is to take place on Wednesday 5 November 2025. We will speak at the Preliminary Meeting on behalf of LGPL, which will also be attended by representatives from LGPL.

The Rule 6 Letter also requests written submissions about how the Application should be examined by procedural deadline A (8 October 2025) and advises that PINS are particularly interested in understanding: (i) whether LGPL considers changes need to be made to the draft examination timetable; and (ii) if LGPL wishes to comment on the arrangements for future examination hearings.

Related to the examination and timetabling, we refer to Annex C of the Rule 6 Letter which sets out PINS’ initial assessment of principal issues. We note there is no direct reference to shipping and navigation, being key concerns to LGPL, and those concerns will be set out in detail in due course in Written Representations. At this stage, LGPL wishes to bring to PINS attention we will be raising the omission of shipping and navigation at the Preliminary Meeting. We note that other harbour authorities have made representations in relation to the Application. LGPL respectfully requests that the Examining Authority adds impacts on shipping and navigation to the list of principal issues.

We also note that Annex F (notification of hearings) advises Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) will take place on Tuesday 11 November 2025 and will concern the scope of the development. We note no further Issue Specific Hearings on specific topics are currently listed on the draft programme (although indicative timings are set aside for ISHs, should they be necessary). LGPL considers the Proposed Order’s effect on shipping and navigation should be considered at an Issue Specific Hearing and, assuming it is not intended that shipping and navigation will be covered at ISH1, LGPL is of the view the examination timetable should be amended to accommodate at least one further Issue Specific Hearing covering these issues.

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Finally, to cover a scenario where shipping and navigation is not considered at an Issue Specific Hearing, LGPL will register to attend the Open Floor Hearings in order to raise its concerns. However, it hopes that its attendance will not be necessary on the basis shipping and navigation can be accommodated within an Issue Specific Hearing.

Yours faithfully

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