



# The Planning Inspectorate

## **The Planning Act 2008**

## **Application for Development Consent for the Sea Link Project**

## **Case Ref: EN020026**

## **The Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection**

### **Background**

The Examining Authority ('the ExA') undertook an unaccompanied site inspection to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Sea Link Project ('the application') on the afternoon of Tuesday 30 September 2025.

The ExA carried out its unaccompanied site inspection from publicly accessible land (roads, footpaths and bridleways).

The site inspection was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development including the proposed landfall areas and proposed locations of substations and convertor stations, and to observe the existing character, appearance and environment of the surrounding area and adjoining land uses.

### **Particulars of the Site Visit**

The visit was undertaken by: Luke Regan and Simon Warder.

The visit was undertaken on foot and by car.

Weather conditions were dry and partly sunny with a temperature circa 18 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate long range views. The inspections commenced at approximately 14:30 and finished at approximately 17:50. A list of the locations visited is attached at Annex A.



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### **Annex A: List of locations visited on the Unaccompanied Site Inspection on the afternoon of Tuesday 30 September 2025**

The ExA commenced the inspection from the car park on Thorpe Road some 900m north of Church Farm Road, Aldeburgh. We then walked to the beach at ES representative view point (VP) 13 to appreciate the cable landfall location before walking through RSPB North Warren on footpath E-103/006/0 and the former railway line to VP12. We then drove to Friston and viewed the sub-station site on foot from VP7 before driving (via a diverted route) and walking to VP8 on footpath E-354/002/0. From there we walked north from Church Road on footpath E-354/006/0 to the location of the sub-station. Returning to Church Road we viewed the substation site from VP 23 and the location of the proposed surface water outfall in the Friston watercourse adjacent to footpath E-260/017/0.

The route is shown below.

