



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 morning of Thursday 2 October 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 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 largely overcast with a temperature of circa 18 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate long range views. The inspections commenced at approximately 9:30 and finished at approximately 12:30. 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 morning of Thursday 2 October 2025

The ExA commenced the inspection from representative view point (VP) 1 on Jute's Lane. We took in the setting of converter and substation site, noting its relationship to the solar farm and the Weatherlees wastewater treatment works.

We then drove to High Street, Minster and walked along Church Street, Durlock and footpath TE40 to VP4. Retracing our steps into the centre of Minster we walked along Watchchester Lane and footpath EE42 to VP6. From both locations we noted the landscape setting of the converter and substation site as well as ground levels and the surface water environment.

We then drove along Marsh Farm Road to the Minster wastewater treatment works and walked east along footpath TE26 for some 900m. This allowed a further appreciation of the landscape setting of the converter and substation site as well as ground levels and the surface water environment.

The route is shown below.

