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1st October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

MOD Safeguarding– Low Flying Area's 10 and 18

Proposal: Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an order granting development consent for the South East Anglia Link (Sea Link) Project

Location: Land from the Sizewell area in Suffolk to Richborough in Kent with a sub-sea cable between

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the MOD as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

The above statutory pre-examination of the application for development consent has been submitted to obtain prescribed consultee views and feedback.

The proposed development area falls within an area where military low flying activity is undertaken.

Military Low Flying Training

The proposed route for the proposed electricity transmission network will occupy military Low Flying Area's 10 (LFA 10) and 18 (LFA 18). Within these areas military aircraft may conduct low level flight training in which fixed wing military aircraft may fly at heights of 250 feet (76.2 metres) above terrain features. The addition of a development featuring tall or narrow profile structures such as electricity transmission towers in this locality has the potential to introduce a physical obstruction to low flying aircraft operating in the area.

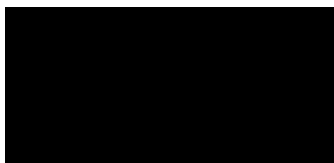
In summary the MOD has no concerns to this pre-examination statutory consultation for the proposed Sea Link Project subject to any tall or narrow profile structures such as pylons being charted on aviation maps. MOD requirements are set out in Appendix A.

The MOD must emphasise that the advice provided within this letter is in response to the data and information detailed in the planning inspectorate Sea Link project information website as dated 1st October 2025.

Should you wish to submit further information or provide any updated proposals, the MOD will gladly review these and advise of our Safeguarding position. The MOD should be consulted, via the above multiuser email address, at any future stages.

I trust this is clear, however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Assistant Safeguarding Manager

Appendix A

- **The undertaker must notify the Ministry of Defence, at least 21 days prior to the commencement of the works, in writing of the following information:**
- **the date of the commencement of the erection of any tall or narrow profile structure over 50 metres high.**
- **the maximum height of any construction equipment to be used in the erection of tall or narrow profile structures over 50 metres high.**
- **the date any structures over 50m are brought into use.**
- **the latitude and longitude and maximum heights of any tall or narrow profile structure over 50 metres high.**

The Ministry of Defence must be notified of any changes to the information supplied in accordance with these requirements and of the completion of the construction of the development.

Reason for Charting requirements

To maintain aviation safety