

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an order granting development consent for the Sea Link project**

**Agenda for open floor hearing (OFH):**

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open floor hearing 2 (OFH2)	Between Tuesday 11 November and Wednesday 12 November 2025  See annex A for further details including the start and registration times for each session.	The Gateway, Discovery Park accessed via the Vistors Centre, Innovation House, Sandwich, Kent CT13 9FF (see annex B)  and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams  Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

**Agenda items**

Please note that the following agenda is indicative and may be amended by the Examining Authority (ExA) at the start of the hearing session.

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the open floor hearing**
- 3. Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the open floor hearing and the order in which parties will be heard**
- 4. Representations by Interested Parties and others**

Each interested party (IP) who has indicated a wish to speak will be invited in turn by the ExA to speak. Following each submission, the ExA may wish to ask the speaker questions.

Speakers will be heard in the order shown under the list of speakers in **annex A** and will be allocated the following maximum speaking times:

- 3 minutes for individual IPs, including businesses.
- 6 minutes for those representing groups, membership organisations or Councils.

Persons without IP status, as defined by section 102 of the Planning Act 2008, are referred to as Non-Interested Parties (Non-IP); however this is not intended to suggest a lack of interest in the application. Any Non-IPs that are being heard at the discretion of the ExA are included in the list of speakers in **annex A**. The same maximum speaking times and procedure will apply as for IPs.

The ExA may ask questions of IPs, Non-IPs and the applicant about matters arising from written and oral submissions. If they do so during a timed oral submission, the time taken by the ExA will not count against the speaking time.

Those who have not previously registered to participate in this hearing and have not been allocated a slot in the speaking list at **annex A**, are unlikely to be able to speak on the day due to the number of registered participants. Any request to participate in a future OFH should be made by **deadline 1, Tuesday 18 November 2025**.

## **5. Close of the open floor hearing**

### **Participation, conduct and management of open floor hearings**

OFHs are hearings where interested parties (IP) who are individuals, groups and organisations have the opportunity to raise any matters that they consider are important and relevant to the consideration of the application.

Submissions should be based on your previous representations made in writing. The ExA has read all of these, and representations made at the OFHs do not need to repeat these, but should provide further detail, explanation or evidence to help inform the ExA.

To allow everyone to have a fair opportunity to be heard, the time limits shown on the agenda will be strictly applied. The ExA will hear from all IPs who have pre-registered to speak at the OFHs. If on the day there are individuals who are not registered but who wish to make submissions at one of the OFHs, the ExA will use its discretion to hear these should time permit (please see further information about this below).

Once you have spoken at one OFH you do not have the right to speak again at another. It is important therefore that you use the allotted time well to communicate your message to the ExA.

Speakers have been given either a virtual or physical (in-person) slot, based on the information provided during the registration process. This information is confirmed in the list of speakers in **annex A**. Please contact the case team as soon as possible using the contact details below if you wish to attend via a different method, or if you are no longer able to attend.

It would also assist the ExA if written summaries of anything that you say are submitted by **deadline 1A (Wednesday 26 November 2025)**.

People who have land or rights affected by compulsory acquisition or temporary possession are affected persons (AP) and have a right to be heard at a compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH). If you are an AP wishing to speak about your land or rights then a CAH will be the best forum to raise any such issues.

The ExA has asked the applicant to attend this hearing. The applicant may be asked by the ExA to address questions raised by IPs in summary form at the end of the hearing and in written submissions. It is not the purpose of these hearings to enable the applicant to make its case. Any applicant responses to specific IPs' oral cases will be made in writing unless invited to respond by the ExA.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the event date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

### **Requests to be heard**

The deadline to request to be heard at OFH2 was Wednesday 8 October 2025. Anyone wishing to speak at OFH2 who did not make their request by this date should note that it is unlikely there will be time for additional parties to be heard in the sessions programmed. The ExA will use its discretion to hear additional parties should time permit, however this will depend on the progress made in each session. If your request cannot be accommodated, then further OFHs may need to be arranged for later in the examination. Any request to participate in a future OFH should be made by **deadline 1, Tuesday 18 November 2025**

### **Event registration process**

Parties who have registered to speak at the OFH will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. The joining instruction email will be sent to all registered parties, including those due to appear in person.

If you are attending virtually, please join at the virtual registration start time set out in the relevant agenda to ensure that the registration process is completed in good time. If necessary, it will be possible to leave the Microsoft Teams meeting after the initial registration process, however, please ensure that you re-join at least 15 minutes before the anticipated start time of the session you are due to speak at.

If you are attending in person, **please report to the Visitor Centre** (see the plan in **annex B**) at least 30 minutes before the anticipated start time of the session you are due to speak at. Upon arrival at the Visitor Centre, the Discovery Park front of house team will check you in and direct you to the hearing venue in the Gateway building. **In order to be checked in you must bring identification**, this can be a bank card, driving licence, passport or work photo ID. The Planning Inspectorate case team will register you once you arrive at the Gateway venue.

## **Advice**

To help you participate effectively, the Planning Inspectorate has published the following advice:

- [Advice Note 8.5 – The Examination: hearings and site inspections.](#)
- [Advice Note 8.6 – Virtual examination events.](#)

This material includes advice on how to use Microsoft Teams (our virtual event system) and on protecting your personal data during virtual events.

**OFH2: Session 1 Tuesday 11 November 2025****Start 2:00pm (room opens:1:15pm/virtual registration from 1:00pm)**

Order	Name	Time	Virtual/ Physical
1	Nik Mitchell	3 mins	P
2	Michael Demetriou	3 mins	P
3	Caroline Pope	3 mins	P
4	Lucy Higgs	3 mins	P
5	Angela Cressey	3 mins	P
6	George Cooper, Save Minster Marshes	6 mins	P
7	George Cooper	3 mins	P
8	Carol O Shea	3 mins	P
9	Peter Lorenzo	3 mins	P
10	Carol Tyrrel	3 mins	V
11	Adrian Smith	3 mins	P
12	Deborah Shotton	3 mins	V
13	Philip Shotton	3 mins	V
14	Andrea Griffiths, director CPRE Kent	6 mins	P
15	Councillor Becky Wing, Thanet Green Party	6 mins	P
16	Councillor Becky Wing representing Ian Pope	3 mins	P
17	Louise Venny	3 mins	P
18	Keith Ross	3 mins	P
19	Ian Peter Alan Smith	3 mins	P
20	Emma Waller, Planning & Policy Officer Kent Wildlife Trust	6 mins	P
21	Stuart McRae	3 mins	P
22	Christopher Jarvis	3 mins	P
23	Peter Lorenzo representing Sydney Jury	3 mins	P
24	Peter Lorenzo representing James Jury	3 mins	P
25	Peter Lorenzo representing Paul Langstaff	3 mins	P
26	Peter Lorenzo representing Jane Langstaff	3 mins	P
27	Peter Lorenzo representing John Cressey	3 mins	P
28	Peter Lorenzo representing Luke Cressey	3 mins	P
29	Peter Lorenzo representing Louise Darrell-Smith	3 mins	P
30	Joanna Styles	3 mins	P
31	Gary Beadell	3 mins	P
32	Richard Lockwood	3 mins	P
33	Helen Holmes	3 mins	P
34	Terry Oki	3 mins	P

**OFH2: Session 2 Tuesday 11 November 2025****Start 5:30pm (room opens:4:45pm/virtual registration from 4:30pm)**

Order	Name	Time	Virtual/ Physical
1	Michael Kerton	3 mins	P
2	Julie Wilson	3 mins	V
3	Gareth Craddock	3 mins	P

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4	Monica Tobon	3 mins	P
5	Kerry Sabin-Dawson	3 mins	P
6	Gerald Prior	3 mins	P
7	Pippa Southorn	3 mins	P
8	Alan Welcome	3 mins	P
9	Linda Styles	3 mins	P
10	Lindsey Harris	3 mins	P
11	Nicola Dyas	3 mins	P
12	Karen McKenzie representing Emma Tolley	3 mins	P
13	Karen McKenzie	3 mins	P

**OFH2: Session 3 Wednesday 12 November 2025*****Start 10:00am (room opens:9:00am/virtual registration from 9:00am)***

Order	Name	Time	Virtual/ Physical
1	David Mairs	3 mins	P
2	Paul Whiteman	3 mins	P
3	Victoria Sutherland	3 mins	P
4	Julie Blackman-Nandi	3 mins	V
5	Maxine Ansell	3 mins	P
6	David Stevens	3 mins	P
7	Guy Smith, representing IPA and JR Smith	6 mins	P
8	Lucie Hall	3 mins	V
9	Erik Collins	3 mins	P
10	Wendy Whysall	3 mins	P
11	Sarah Bailey	3 mins	P
12	Sarah Bailey representing Hannah McKeown	3 mins	P
13	Kerry Sabin-Dawson, representing RSPB Thanet	6 mins	P
14	Paul Chapman, Chair of Cliffsend Parish Council	6 mins	P
15	Robert Buhr	3 mins	V
16	Tina Fullick	3 mins	P
17	Karen Collins	3 mins	P
18	Irina Tulovska	3 mins	V
19	Ian Searle	3 mins	P
20	Tim Ingleton, councillor Minster Parish Council	6 mins	V
21	Nancy Weeks	3 mins	P
22	Brian Green	3 mins	P
23	Neville Weeks	3 mins	P
24	Sharon Marshall	3 mins	V

