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Subject: RE: Submission of Joint Letter Regarding Sea Link DCO Application (EN020026)
Date: 27 August 2025 16:30:12
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Emma

Further to our email earlier today confirming that Kent Wildlife Trust's letter has been reviewed and accepted by the Examining Authority as an additional submission and has been published on our website, in response to the question in your email below:

That the Examining Authority provides clarification on how the application was deemed to meet the requirements of Sections 55 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 despite the errors now documented.

We refer you to the published s55 checklist for assurances of the Planning Inspectorate's reasons for accepting the application:

[Section 55 Acceptance of Applications](#)

The s55 checklist is completed in the Planning Inspectorate's review of an application for development consent and confirms if they have met the required statutory tests for the application to be accepted for examination.

Please note that as a registered interested party to the Sea Link project, Kent Wildlife Trust will also be able to submit their concerns, either in writing or at hearings, during the examination period.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Kind regards



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Subject: Submission of Joint Letter Regarding Sea Link DCO Application (EN020026)

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Dear Ms Holmes,

Please find attached a joint letter from Kent Wildlife Trust and a number of undersigned organisations regarding the Sea Link Development Consent Order (DCO) application (EN020026).

The letter outlines our collective concerns about the significant procedural and evidentiary insufficiencies identified in the application, including gaps in environmental information, incomplete documentation, and failures in consultation. In light of these issues, we are making two key requests:

1. That the Applicant withdraws the current application and resubmits it only once all necessary surveys, corrections, and legal requirements have been addressed; and
2. That the Examining Authority provides clarification on how the application was deemed to meet the requirements of Sections 55 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 despite the errors now documented.

We have copied National Grid into this correspondence, as we believe that withdrawal is in the best interests of affected communities and also of National Grid itself. Taking this step would provide the necessary time to address outstanding concerns properly, including the outstanding protected species surveys, flood risk assessments, traffic impact assessments, and legal requirements, to a satisfactory standard before resubmission.

We hope that our letter is accepted by the Examining Authority and published onto the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) website. We would also be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this submission. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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