



# 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 4 November 2025.

The ExA carried out its unaccompanied site inspection from publicly accessible land.

The site inspection was undertaken to view highway conditions including on the A12 and junctions with the local road network, the change notification proposals 2, 3, 4 and 5, Sizewell C associated development, the Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) work as well as the location of the proposed development and its surroundings.

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

The visit was undertaken by: Sarah Holmes, Richard Hunt, Luke Regan, Steven Rennie and Nancy Thomas. The ExA was accompanied by Claire Megginson.

The visit was undertaken by car.

Weather conditions were dry and cloudy with a temperature circa 13 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate medium to long range views. The inspections commenced at approximately 15:00 and finished at approximately 16:15. A list of the locations visited is attached at Annex A.



## **Annex A: List of locations visited on the Unaccompanied Site Inspection on the afternoon of Tuesday 4 November 2025**

The ExA travelled from Wickham Market on the A12 through Marlesford, Little Glemham, Stratford St Andrew and Farnham. The ExA observed the location of construction works and compounds associated with Sizewell C and SPR, and general traffic conditions. The ExA joined the B1121 and observed the entrance to Whitearch Park and the Benhall Bridge.

The ExA then travelled south back to the A12 and drove north to the junction with the B1119. The ExA travelled along Rendham Road onto Mill Road, Chantry Road and over the level crossing. The ExA proceeded onto Church Street and Church Hill, continuing along the B1119 past the site of the proposed converter station, observing the location of proposed change 5 of the change notification.

The ExA drove north along The Green to Buxlow Manor, observing general surroundings. The ExA returned south and followed Grove Road to Friston, observing the SPR works taking place on both sides of the road.

The ExA travelled west along Church Lane and past St Mary the Virgin Church in Friston, before joining Saxmundham Road and travelling south to the junction with the A1094. The ExA observed the junction layout of the B1121 with the A1094.

The ExA then travelled north along Snape Road, observing the location of the henge area from the B1069, through Knodishall Common to Thorpeness. The ExA then drove back to the A1094 and travelled eastwards to Church Common before turning south on Church Road through Snape to Snape Maltings.

The route is shown below.



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