



# 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 Access Required Site Inspection**

### **Background**

The Examining Authority ('the ExA') undertook an access required site inspection (ARSI) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Sea Link Project ('the application') on the morning of Friday 7 November 2025.

The ExA carried out its site inspection from private (not publicly accessible) land. Mr Gordon Young provided access between the start point and the residential properties surrounding Hurts Hall. Mr Gordon Young walked ahead of the ExA and only spoke to give directions on the route, leaving once we had passed the properties surrounding Hurts Hall. Mr William Notcutt gave permission for access through his land (from the residential properties surrounding Hurts Hall to the end of the route) and did not attend the ARSI.

The site inspection was undertaken to view the location of the proposed development including the proposed location of the convertor station and River Fromus crossing, 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: Sarah Holmes, Richard Hunt, Nancy Thomas, Steven Rennie and Luke Regan. The ExA was accompanied by Louise Harraway, Aamina Khan and Emma Smith from the case team, and Claire Megginson.

The visit was undertaken on foot.

Weather conditions were dry and partly sunny with a temperature circa 14 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate long range views. The inspections commenced at approximately 10:00 and finished at approximately 10:45. A list of the locations visited is attached at Annex A.



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### Annex A: List of locations visited on the Access Required Site Inspection on the afternoon of Friday 7 November 2025

The ExA commenced the inspection from the access road to the west of St John the Baptist Church located to the south of Church Hill (B1119), Saxmundham. The ExA walked south to observe the setting of the residential properties located around Hurts Hall.

The ExA continued west towards the River Fromus and then south along the edge of an agricultural field observing the location of the proposed access road and bridge over the River Fromus.

The ExA observed the setting of the proposed convertor station and continued to walk south to Church Hill (B1121), Sternfield where the ARSI concluded.

The route is shown below.

