

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 (ExA) undertook an unaccompanied site inspection (USI) to support the examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Sea Link Project (the application) on the morning of 7 November 2025.

The ExA carried out its USI from publicly accessible land (roads, footpaths and bridleways) and the grounds of a Church.

The USI was undertaken to view the location of the village of Sternfield and listed buildings in this area.

Particulars of the Unaccompanied Site Inspection

The USI was undertaken by: Steven Rennie, and Luke Regan. The ExA was accompanied by Louise Harraway from the case team.

The USI was undertaken by car and foot in the village from Sternfield, starting at Church Hill. Weather conditions were overcast but dry with a temperature circa 14 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate long range views. The USI commenced at approximately 11:30 and finished at approximately 12:15.



Annex A: Locations visited on the Unaccompanied Site Inspection on 7 November 2025

The ExA commenced at Church Hill in Sternfield and observed the listed St Mary Magdalene Church in Sternfield, along with its churchyard cemetery and wider setting. Parts of the adjacent listed building of Sternfield House was also observed from the church grounds, together with its setting.

Following this the ExA travelled east by car along The Street and observed the listed building of Hill Farmhouse and its setting. This is where the site inspection ended.