



# 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 Friday 7 November 2025.

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

The site inspection was undertaken to view sections of the proposed Sea Link cable corridor route alignment between Aldeburgh golf course and Friston. The ExA also viewed the Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) works between Coldfair Green and Friston.

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

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

The visit was undertaken on foot.

Weather conditions were initially dry and overcast with light rain towards the end of the route. The temperature was circa 14 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were suitable to appreciate some long range views, although visibility worsened towards the end of the site inspection. The inspection commenced at approximately 11:40 and finished at approximately 13:35. A list of the locations visited is attached at Annex A.



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

The ExA used the public right of way (PRoW) to cross the Aldeburgh golf course to South Warren, passing Old Broom Covert and Chapel Farm to meet with the Sandlings Walk. The ExA then followed the Sandlings Walk west to Friston.

En-route the ExA noted views of the Alde Estuary to the south including the general area of Iken. Abundant invertebrates were noted in the northern section of the golf course including dragonflies and ladybirds. The ExA crossed the proposed Sea Link cable route alignment near Old Broom Covert and again near Long Covert, closer to Friston. To the south and south west of Coldfair Green, the ExA observed the SPR cable route alignment, soil stockpiling, temporary road surfacing, PRoW diversions, as well as traffic control measures on the B1069.

The route is shown below.

