

# **National Grid Electricity Transmission – Sea Link – EN020026**

## **Saxmundham Town Council - [REDACTED]**

### **Written Representation**

Saxmundham Town Council comprehensively identified the issues of the cumulative impact of construction traffic, workforce vehicle, and delivery movements associated with the multitude of projects either ongoing or planned in our Relevant Representation. Since submission of this document, enabling works for Sizewell C and EA1N and EA2, project work has advanced and already the road traffic in the town is significantly increased.

Furthermore, the following projects are now progressing:

1. National Grid Ventures Lion Link: The statutory consultation is scheduled for January 2026. We would, therefore, should consent be granted, estimate the project to commence 2028/2029.
2. South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood, a development of 800 residential units to the south of the town and to the east of the A12 with an employment area to the west of the A12. We understand that the developer will be applying for outline planning permission by the end of 2025. Thus the implications for cumulative traffic impacts should be considered in the examination of the Sea Link project. It is envisaged that enabling works will be undertaken prior to commencement that will include either a traffic light or roundabout controlled crossing on the A12 between the B1121 to Benhall/Saxmundham and B1119 Rendham/Saxmundham junctions. Thereafter, we understand that the developer would seek to construct the employment area. Expected commencement date: 2026-2027.
3. Essex and Suffolk Water are undertaking a six-week non-statutory consultation (from 29 October to 10 December 2025) for work throughout Suffolk. In Saxmundham this relates to a new pipeline from the north to Saxmundham Water Tower and a further pipeline from the town to Sizewell C.

Taking the above into consideration, Saxmundham will be surrounded by, and subject to, major construction works for many years. We therefore exhort the major infrastructure developers to work together to ensure that the impacts on our community are fully mitigated. As previously stated in both our Statutory Consultation Response and Relevant Representation, to reduce road traffic congestion, developers should utilize Sizewell C's park and ride facilities, off-site freight management facility and worker accommodation. Moreover, they should work together to ensure that they avoid peak

construction times. Failure to do so will not only result in debilitating traffic congestion for residents but also extend contract times with deliveries being delayed.

Ideally, consideration should be given to finding alternative options and locations for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects that have not yet been granted Development Consent. The burden of construction will adversely affect our residents for many years.

PROJECT	FROM: (estimated)	TO: (estimated)	NOTES
<b>Sizewell C</b>	2024	2035/2037	Enabling works and roadworks underway 2024-2025
<b>Scottish Power Renewables - EA1N/EA2</b>	2026	2031/2032	Enabling works and roadworks underway 2025
<b>National Grid Electricity Transmission- Sea Link</b>	2026	2032	If development consent is granted
<b>National Grid Ventures - Lion Link</b>	2028/2029	2034/2035	If development consent is granted
<b>South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood</b>	2026	2028/2029	If planning permission is granted - enabling works and employment area
<b>South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood</b>	2028/2029	2038	House building - assuming this commences after completion of the employment area
<b>Essex and Suffolk Water - Suffolk Water Recycling, Transfer and Storage Project</b>	2030	2032	