



The Planning Act 2008

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for the Sea
Link Project**

**Issue Specific Hearing 1 on the scope of the development
(11 November 2025)**

East Suffolk Council's Post-Hearing Submission

**Deadline 1A
(26 November 2025)**

Application Ref.: EN020026

East Suffolk Council: [REDACTED]

INTRODUCTION

1. The following persons appeared on behalf of East Suffolk Council (“ESC”) at ISH1:
 - (i) [REDACTED], Francis Taylor Building;
 - (ii) [REDACTED], Partner at Clyde & Co LLP; and
 - (iii) [REDACTED] Principal Planner and Solar Lead at ESC.
2. ESC spoke to Agenda Item 4, 1st Bullet.

SUBMISSIONS

3. Under Agenda Item 4, 1st bullet, ESC set out its understanding of the current position of the East Anglia ONE North (“EA1N”) and East Anglia TWO (“EA2”) projects in terms of the discharge of their requirements.
4. ESC explained that EA1N and EA2 commenced in July 2025 with the start of the substation haul road works, having previously discharged the necessary requirements or part requirements related to those works.
5. Prior to that, onshore preparation works had occurred, but those works had not served to commence development given the definitions of commence contained in those orders.
6. ESC confirmed that it anticipates that ScottishPower Renewables (“SPR”) will start to submit the requirement discharge documents for the EA1N and EA2 Development Consent Orders (“DCOs”) relating to substation earthworks and permanent substation access during November 2025. It is understood that about 30 documents are required to be signed off under various requirements. ESC anticipates that these discharge applications will continue to be lodged up until Christmas. It can now be confirmed that the first applications were received on 12 November 2025.
7. There is a 56 day discharge period from submission. As such, it can be expected that all of the discharge applications, if submitted as anticipated, will be discharged by the end of February 2026.
8. ESC understands that SPR have awarded contracts for substation works to commence in March 2026 once the relevant requirement documents have been discharged.