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Dear Examining Authority,

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) for an order granting development consent for the South East Anglia Link (Sea Link) Project

Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions

Please find below Thanet District Council's response to the ISH1 Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions:

ISH1.15 - Nemo Link - Are you aware of any ongoing mitigation or monitoring activities by NGV in respect of Nemo Link?

The Council is not aware of any ongoing mitigation or monitoring activities by NGV in respect of the Nemo Link.

ISH1.16 - Nemo Link - If there are no ongoing NGV measures, is there any additional mitigation or biodiversity net gain measure that you consider could be provided by Sea Link to help mitigate the residual Nemo Link 'scar'?

In terms of potential additional mitigation, the Council's Biodiversity Officer suggests the following:

- Enhanced habitat creation: Expanding the number of ephemeral ponds or improving existing ones to further support the natterjack toad and wading bird populations.
- Long-term monitoring: Extending the monitoring period beyond the initial two years to ensure the toad and bird populations remain stable and the habitat continues to thrive.
- Biodiversity offsetting: Implementing additional conservation projects in nearby areas to enhance biodiversity and compensate for any residual impacts.
- Increase the shingle ride height: The current reduced height allows for regular inundation of the construction channel and lagoon, the compaction of the construction route has led to water pooling and reduced rate of the natural regeneration of the pre-construction saltmarsh communities. An increase in this would go some way to preventing this.

Yours faithfully



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