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26 November 2025

National Infrastructure Planning  
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Dear Examining Authority

**Sea Link Project (the “Project”)**

**Application Ref: EN020026**

**ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and East Anglia TWO Limited’s  
Deadline 1A Submission – Written Submission of Oral Case for Issue Specific Hearing 1**

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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 We refer to the above Project and confirm we are instructed by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited (“**SPR**”), East Anglia ONE North Limited (“**EA1NL**”) and East Anglia TWO Limited (“**EA2L**”).
- 1.2 SPR is the parent company of EA1NL, who has the benefit of the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (“**EA1N**”), and EA2L, who has the benefit of the East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (“**EA2**”).
- 1.3 Issue Specific Hearing 1 for the Project Development Consent Order Application took place virtually on 11 November 2025 at 10:00am (“**ISH1**”). ISH1 ran through the items listed in the agenda published by the Examining Authority (“**ExA**”) on 23 October 2025.
- 1.4 SPR, EA1NL and EA2L gave oral submissions at ISH1 under Agenda Item 4 (update on related projects) and these submissions are set out within this note. Speaking on behalf of SPR, EA1NL and EA2L was Mr Colin Innes, partner at Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP.

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**2. Status of EA1N and EA2**

- 2.1 EA2 has been awarded a Contract for Difference and is therefore proceeding before EA1N. EA2 have awarded contracts for the full onshore project, including the civil works, cable works and main plant supply and installation works at Kiln Lane substation.
- 2.2 EA2 is discharging the requirements in a structured fashion and aims to build the project by the end of 2028. The Substation Haul Road works commenced in July 2025 and the EA2 substation works and onshore cable works are both due to commence in Q1 2026.
- 2.3 Some works being carried out in relation to EA1N concurrently with EA2 such as the cable duct installation and ground works. However, at present, the substantive EA1N onshore substation works are programmed to commence in Q3 2027.

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**3. Discharge of EA1N and EA2 Requirements**

- 3.1 The substation haul road requirements were discharged by East Suffolk Council in April – June 2025 and as noted in paragraph 2.2 above, construction has started on this.

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- 3.2 The majority of the onshore substation requirements have now been submitted to East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council accordingly and anticipate that these should be discharged by the end of February 2026. These include:
- 3.2.1 Access Management Plan – to be discharged by Suffolk County Council;
  - 3.2.2 Flood Management Plan – to be discharged by Suffolk County Council;
  - 3.2.3 Construction Phase Noise and Vibration Management Plan – to be discharged by East Suffolk Council;
  - 3.2.4 Construction Traffic Management Plan - to be discharged by Suffolk County Council;
  - 3.2.5 Watercourse Crossing Method Statement – to be discharged by East Suffolk Council;
  - 3.2.6 Public Right of Way Management Plan – to be discharged by Suffolk County Council;
  - 3.2.7 ;Project Wide Stakeholder Communications Plan - to be discharged by East Suffolk Council;
  - 3.2.8 Surface Water and Drainage Management Plan (Including HRA) – to be discharged by Suffolk County Council.
- 3.3 A further three are due to be submitted by the end of this week (week commencing 24 November 2025), including the Code of Construction Practice (main text) to be discharged by East Suffolk Council.
- 3.4 The remainder are due to be submitted the week commencing 1 December 2025 and include:
- 3.4.1 Landscape Management Plan – to be discharged by East Suffolk Council;
  - 3.4.2 Detailed Design – to be discharged by East Suffolk Council;
  - 3.4.3 Operational Noise Design Report – to be discharged by East Suffolk Council; and
  - 3.4.4 Operational Drainage Management Plan – to be discharged by Suffolk County Council.
- 3.5 As such, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council will be determining these during the Project's Examination.
- 3.6 As indicated during ISH1, the proper forum for the discharge of these documents is with the relevant authorities and is not a matter for the Project's Examination. It is then for National Grid Electricity Transmission Ltd (the "**Applicant**") to consider these matters and identify their relevance to the ExA in relation to the proposals they put forward for the Project. SPR do however recognise that the discharge documents effectively set a baseline against which the Project will sit in its immediate relationship to the Kiln Lane substations and SPR are therefore working closely with the Applicant to ensure they are kept up to date on our final design and details.

#### 4. Transfer to NGET

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- 4.1 Powers in the EA2 Development Consent Order to construct the National Grid Kiln Lane substation along with the land rights need to be transferred from EA2L to the Applicant. SPR and the Applicant are in active discussions in relation to the transfer of benefit agreement and the associated legal framework that will have to accompany this approach and it is anticipated that this will complete in Spring 2026.
- 4.2 SPR, EA2L and EA1NL already have freehold land ownership of the majority of land in the wider substations area, including Work No 1B land where the Kiln Lane substation will be sited and are in negotiations to voluntarily acquire the remaining land in the wider area.

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP