

**THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATIONS PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

**APPLICATION BY NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION  
FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE SEA LINK PROJECT  
(REF: EN020026)**

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**DEADLINE 1A: ORAL REPRESENTATIONS  
MADE ON BEHALF OF THE PORT OF LONDON  
AUTHORITY AT ISH1**

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## INTRODUCTION

This is a written submission made on behalf of the Port of London Authority (PLA) in respect of oral submissions made at Issue Specific Hearing 1 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The PLA's response to the supplementary agenda additional questions for Issue Specific Hearing 1 appear in a separate document.

| Issue Specific Hearing 1  |  |
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| Agenda Item 5 Cumulative Impacts  | Oral Submission made on behalf of the Port of London Authority   |
| Shipping and Navigation in the Sunk and the implications of cable burial depth for under-keel clearance | The PLA's concern when it comes to under-keel clearance is the safeguarding of the ability to dredge to particular depths in the future to accommodate existing and predicted future vessels. The concern is not about maintaining existing depths, albeit this is important as well. The concern is more about the ability to dredge certain areas to make sure that the future bigger vessels can actually access the ports. As explained on behalf of London Gateway Port, the PLA would also be looking for a specific design requirement alongside a certified plan to safeguard the required depths. |