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Via email: SouthEastAngliaLink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Deadline 2 (9th December) - Invitation for comment on information / submissions received by deadline 1 and deadline 1A.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) welcome the applicant's commitment in the updated documentation and submissions at deadline 1 and deadline 1A to discuss the shipping and safe navigation related detail with the ports, MCA and Trinity House, with further updates to be provided in the various documents as the details are agreed with stakeholders. Discussions should include the Port of London Authority, Harwich Haven Authority, London Gateway and Medway Port. The MCA would like to ensure that HM Coastguard who are responsible for the delivery of the SUNK Vessel Traffic Services are also included in those discussions which impact their jurisdiction.

It is clear that the applicant is actively working to ensure a common understanding of the various stakeholders' specific requirements pertaining to the safeguard of water depth / under keel clearance as well as their requirements to consult on the proposed works including survey, monitoring and preconstruction/construction activities. The MCA welcomes the intention of further discussion on how the risk mitigation measures are secured within the Development Consent Order Deemed Marine Licence to the satisfaction of navigation safety related stakeholders. The MCA is scheduled to meet with the project team on 11th December 2025 to discuss the Statement of Common Ground between National Grid and the MCA.

We note that the documents refer to the MCA requirement that works must not exceed a maximum 5% reduction in surrounding depth referenced to chart datum. We would like to highlight as per MCA Relevant Representation (RR-5382) submitted on 23 June 2025 that any depth reduction in areas where deep-draught vessels operate must be reviewed. Any reduction caused as a result of the cable lay or any associated cable

protection measures should be discussed and agreed by the local ports and MCA, and secured through consent conditions.

We hope this information is useful to the Examination Authority at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

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