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Dear Ms Holmes,

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (National Grid) for an Order granting Development Consent for Sea Link**

**Deadline 2 Cover Letter**

This cover letter has been prepared by National Grid (the Applicant) to accompany their Deadline 2 submission made on 9 December 2025) of the SEA Link DCO Examination.

These submissions are set out in Table 1 below and are made in accordance with the Examination Timetable set out at **Annex A** of the **Rule 8** Letter dated **10 November 2025 [PD-013]** as well as the Examining Authorities **Procedural Decision Letter dated 28 November 2025 [PD-014]**.

The table below lists the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2.

**Table 1: documents Submitted at Deadline 2**

Doc Ref	Document Title	Rev	Reason for Submission
<b>Volume 2</b>			
2.4 (C)	2.4 Special Category and Crown Land Plans Part 2 of 2 Summary of Changes	C	As requested in <b>PD-014</b> . This document was submitted on time for Deadline 1A however a request by the ExA to update the front cover to align with the file name was overlooked. The words 'Summary of Changes' has now been added to the end of the title on the front cover as requested.
<b>Volume 6</b>			
6.2.4.5 (C)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 5 Marine Ornithology (Clean and Tracked)	C	Updated to respond to earlier comments from Natural England.
6.4.4.5 (B)	ES Figures Marine Ornithology (Clean and Tracked)	B	Updated to accompany 6.2.4.5 (C)
6.2.4.6 (C)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 6 Marine Archaeology (Clean and Tracked)	C	Updates to correct minor errata.
6.6 (D)	Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (Clean and Tracked)	D	Updated to reflect the revisions to 6.2.4.5 (C).
<b>Volume 9</b>			
9.13 (B)	Pegwell Bay Construction Method Technical Note (Clean and Tracked)	B	Updated for a number of reasons. Updated to respond to the comments of Natural England.
9.28	Winter Bird Use of Golden Plover Enhancement Area	A	Submitted to update the examination as the survey has now been undertaken.
9.34.2 (B) 9.34.3 (B) 9.34.4 (B) 9.34.5 (B) 9.34.6 (B)	Applicant's Response to the Relevant Representations (Clean and Tracked).	B	Revised formatting and contents pages to aid navigation for Interested Parties.

9.34.1 (C)	Applicant's Detailed Responses to the Relevant Representations identified by the ExA (Clean and Tracked)	C	Revised formatting and contents pages to aid navigation for Interested Parties. Blank rows <b>G1, G2 and G3 of Table 2.38</b> filled out.
9.35.1	Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Suffolk County Council	A	Written Comments by the Applicant on Local Impact Reports in accordance with <b>Annex A of PD-013</b> .
9.35.2	Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from East Suffolk Council	A	Written Comments by the Applicant on Local Impact Reports in accordance with <b>Annex A of PD-013</b> .
9.35.3	Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Kent County Council	A	Written Comments by the Applicant on Local Impact Reports in accordance with <b>Annex A of PD-013</b> .
9.35.4	Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Thanet District Council	A	Written Comments by the Applicant on Local Impact Reports in accordance with <b>Annex A of PD-013</b> .
9.35.5	Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Dover District Council	A	Written Comments by the Applicant on Local Impact Reports in accordance with <b>Annex A of PD-013</b> .
9.38.3	Deadline 2 Cover Letter	A	This document.
9.69	Applicant's Written Response to Open Floor Hearing 1	A	Written Response by the Applicant to representations made by Interested Parties at Open Floor Hearing 1 submitted in accordance with <b>PD-0014</b> (please see note below).
9.71	Applicant's Written Response to Open Floor Hearing 2	A	Written Response by the Applicant to representations made by Interested Parties at Open Floor Hearing 2 submitted in accordance with <b>PD-0014</b> .

9.77 (C)	Application and Examination Document Tracker	C	Updated to reflect the Deadline 2 submission.
9.79	Applicant's Comments on Written Representations	A	Response to Written Representations submitted by Interested Parties submitted in accordance with <b>Annex A of PD-013</b> .
9.80	Integrated Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Report - Extract	A	An extract of the 'Integrated Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Report' has been produced to deliver the baseline bathymetric and geological description of the Sea Link Marine Route Corridor.

All updated documents are labelled as Revision (B), Revision (C) etc as applicable, and supersede the documents previously submitted by the Applicant.

Where applicable, these documents are provided in clean and tracked versions as requested in the Rule 6 Letter [PD-010]. The Application and Examination Document Tracker (**Application Document 9.77 (C)**) has been updated to reflect the above submissions.

## **Applicant's Response to Issues Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) Action Points – Deadline 2**

Under the **Action Points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the scope of the development held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 [EV3-007]**, the ExA requested that the Applicant provide a response to a response to a post hearing submission to be made by Marianne Fellowes at Deadline 1A.

On 2 December 2025 the Applicant confirmed with the Planning Inspectorate that no submission has been made by the relevant Interested Party, so the Applicant has nothing to respond to at Deadline 2. The Applicant will of course be willing to provide a response to a future submission from this Interested Party.

## Relevant Representations Responses

The Applicant submitted their responses to the Relevant Representations at Deadline 1 [REP1-112 to REP1-117] with the REP1-111 reissued as REP1A-043 at Deadline 1A. This document was split into multiple files due to the 50MB file limit.

The Applicant has received comments from parties who were struggling to navigate the Applicant Response to Relevant Representations document due to the very large number of Relevant Representations received on the project and the split of representation responses between files. Therefore, in order to make the documents easier to navigate for all participants in the Examination, the Applicant has reissued these Documents at Deadline 2, with revised formatting and a specific contents page. We hope this is helpful.

The only changes to REP1-112 to REP1-117 are to revise the formatting and contents pages to make responses easier to find and read; the content and the responses remain as submitted at Deadline 1.

For 9.34.1 Applicant's Detailed Responses to the Relevant Representations [REP1A-043] the Applicant has filled in responses to blank rows G1, G2 and G3 of Table 2.38 NE - Offshore Ornithology in the response to Natural England.

Track and clean versions of both documents are provided to illustrate the changes.

## Accompanied Site Visits (ASI)

In Annex A of their Rule 8 Letter [PD-013] the ExA required the Applicant to provide a draft itinerary for Accompanied Sites Inspections (ASI) at Deadline 3 'if required'. The Applicant therefore would greatly appreciate an early confirmation of whether or not a draft itinerary for an ASI is required.

## Aldeburgh Town Council

Having reviewed Aldeburgh Town Council submission REP1-145 and REP1-146 the Applicant considers the points raised in this submission do not represent a Written Representation and would instead be covered in the Applicant's Written Response to Open Floor Hearing 1 and Applicant's Comments on Other Submissions Received at Deadline 1A as relevant.

## Conclusion

Should the ExA have any queries in relation to this letter, they are invited to contact me, Seb Stevens ([REDACTED]@nationalgrid.com) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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For and on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission