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# 1. About This Document

## 1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Pursuant to Annex E of the Rule 6 Letter, issued by the Examining Authority to the Applicant on 19 September 2025, this document provides details relating to the status of negotiations with statutory undertakers, providing further detail of ongoing discussions between the applicant and those statutory undertakers with outstanding concerns which have not been provided within the Land Rights Tracker, including:

1.1.2 A schedule of progress in relation to each statutory undertaker where s127 and/ or s138 of the PA2008 applies and that sets out:

- An up-to-date list of statutory undertakers.
  - The nature of their undertakings.
  - The statutory undertaker's land, rights or apparatus that would be affected and how it would be affected.
  - The progress made in discussions with statutory undertakers since the last update in relation to the tests set out in s127(3)(a) or (b), s127(6)(a) or (b) and s138(4) of the PA2008.
  - Any agreement or differences between the applicant and the statutory undertaker about whether the tests have been met.
  - A summary of the progress made since the last update, any outstanding matters, the next steps to be taken, and the progress anticipated by the close of the examination.
- A schedule of progress in relation to the protective provisions included in the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO), and any related side agreements, setting out:
  - The name of each organisation that each protective provision applies to where this is not identified in the dDCO.
  - The scope and purpose of any relevant side agreements with each organisation.
  - Whether the protective provisions and any side agreements have been agreed with each organisation, providing written evidence from each party of any agreement. If written confirmation is not received by all relevant parties before the close of the examination, then the ExA may be minded to recommend to the Secretary of State that it does not make a decision until it has satisfied itself that the protective provisions and any relevant side agreements have been agreed.
  - A summary of the progress made since the last update, any outstanding matters, the next steps to be taken, and the progress anticipated by the close of the examination.

1.1.3 Due to this information being published on the project webpage, commercial and/or confidential details are not included.

## 2. Schedules of Statutory Undertakers and Protective Provisions

### 2.1 Affected Statutory Undertakers and Parties Requesting Protective Provisions

2.1.1 Table 2.1 provides a schedule of progress in relation to each SU where s127 and/or S138 of the Planning Act 2008 applies, based on information contained in Application Document 4.2 (D) Statement of Reasons and the Application Document 9.16 Land Rights Tracker.

2.1.2 This is the second iteration of this schedule, which is to be submitted to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.

2.1.3 The Applicant will continue to engage with relevant Statutory undertakers and parties requesting protective provisions as the DCO examination progresses. As such, the schedule will be updated at regular intervals over the course of the examination, providing updates on the status of the Applicant's negotiations.

### 2.2 Protective Provisions in the DCO

2.2.1 Schedule 15 of the dDCO sets out the Applicant's standard protective provisions in two parts. These protective provisions are in favour of the following undertakers:

- Part 1: Electricity, Gas, Water and Sewerage Undertakers
- Part 2: Operators of Electronic Communications Code Networks

### 2.3 In addition to the standard protective provisions in Schedule 15, the Applicant is negotiating bespoke protective provisions and other side agreements with a range of statutory undertakers and other parties who have requested them. At this stage, however, no bespoke protective provisions have been agreed with any of the organisations listed in Protective Provisions and Side Agreements

2.3.1 Table 2.2. As such, these protective provisions are not yet included within the dDCO.

2.3.2 The current position of the negotiation of protective provisions is generally summarised as either 'requested' or 'under negotiation'. The former indicates that a party has requested protective provisions, but discussions have not confirmed if this is the most appropriate mechanism for securing their asks. Under negotiation is where discussion about the content of protective provisions is ongoing. In some cases a bespoke narrative is required to explain the current position.

2.3.3 This schedule will be updated to reflect ongoing negotiations with statutory undertakers and other parties and further iterations of this document submitted at future deadlines.



## 2.4 Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers

**Table 2.1: Schedule of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers – Deadline 3 Update**

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
Anglian Water Services Limited	Water and Sewage	Suffolk: 1/2, 1/4, 1/5, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/11, 1/13, 1/14, 1/16, 1/17, 1/18, 1/20, 1/21, 1/22, 1/23, 1/24, 1/25, 1/26, 1/27, 1/28, 1/29, 1/30, 1/31, 1/32, 1/33, 1/34, 1/35, 1/36, 1/37, 1/38, 1/39, 1/40, 1/41, 1/42, 1/43, 1/44, 1/45, 1/46, 1/47, 1/48, 1/49, 1/52, 1/56, 1/57, 1/58, 1/60, 1/64, 1/67, 1/75, 1/76, 1/77, 1/78, 1/79, 1/80, 1/81, 1/82, 1/83, 1/84,	The Proposed Project HVDC cable route crosses or is situated in close proximity to a number of pipes for Foul Water Rising Mains, Effluent pipes and Gravity Foul Sewers. In addition, the proposed bridge for a permanent access route over the River Fromus requires foundation and abutment construction	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant has been liaising with this party and will continue to engage with them.  Subject to ongoing negotiation, the Applicant anticipates that Anglian Water will have the benefit of bespoke protective provisions which would be set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.  The Applicant currently expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots affected	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
		1/85, 1/86, 1/87, 1/90, 1/92, 1/93, 1/94, 1/95, 1/99, 2/1, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/20, 2/73, 2/77, 3/17, 3/38, 3/39, 3/40, 3/45, 3/46, 3/47, 3/49, 3/51, 3/53, 3/55, 3/56, 3/57, 3/59, 3/63, 4/2, 4/4, 4/5, 4/6, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/19, 4/24, 4/25, 4/26, 5/1, 5/2, 5/27, 5/29, 5/32			
Northumbrian Water Group Limited (Essex & Suffolk Water)	Water and Sewage	Suffolk: 1/12, 1/13, 1/15, 1/16, 1/17, 1/19, 1/31, 1/32, 1/39, 1/43, 1/45, 1/47, 1/60, 1/62, 1/63, 1/64, 1/66, 1/68, 1/74, 1/76, 1/77, 1/78, 1/81, 1/86, 1/87, 1/90, 1/92,	The Proposed Project has 1x trenchless crossing methodology for HVDC cable to run underneath a Distribution Main; 3x open cut HVDC cables crossing Distribution Mains; protection required for Mains underneath	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.  The Applicant has received from Northumbrian Water Group Limited (Essex & Suffolk Water) a draft Asset Protection Agreement and bespoke protective provisions which are currently under review.  The Applicant currently expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.	The Applicant has been liaising with this party and will continue to engage with them.  The Applicant has been liaising with this party and will continue to engage with them.

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
		1/93, 1/94, 1/95, 1/98, 1/99, 1/100, 2/20, 2/40, 2/43, 2/49, 2/52, 2/55, 2/57, 2/58, 2/59, 2/61, 2/65, 2/66, 2/77, 2/84, 2/100, 5/14, 5/17, 5/19, 6/3	bellmouths and haul roads.		
Southern Water Services Limited	Water and Sewage	Kent: 1/1, 1/7, 1/8, 1/10, 2/81, 2/82, 2/83, 3/41, 3/44, 3/46, 3/47, 3/49, 3/52, 3/53, 3/54, 3/70, 3/74, 3/75, 3/77, 3/79, 3/80, 3/81, 3/85, 3/86, 3/87, 3/91, 3/92, 3/93, 3/94, 3/95, 3/96, 3/97, 3/97a, 3,99, 3/100, 3/101, 3/102, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/10, 4/11, 4/12, 4/13, 4/19, 4/19a, 4/21, 4/22,	The Proposed Project interfaces with a number of Foul Water Rising Mains, Water Trunk Mains and Water Mains associated with HVDC trenchless crossings, construction of haul roads and Temporary Attenuation Outfall Pipe crossings.	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant has been liaising with this party and will continue to engage with them.  Southern Water is reviewing the standard protective provisions for water undertakers included in the dDCO and the Applicant is awaiting their comments.  Subject to ongoing negotiation, the Applicant anticipates that Southern Water may have the benefit of bespoke protective provisions which would be set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.  The Applicant currently expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
		4/23, 4/25, 4/26, 4/27, 6/1			
Cadent Gas Limited	Gas Transporter	Suffolk: 1/2, 1/4, 1/5, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/11, 1/12, 1/49, 1/50, 1/53, 1/54, 1/58, 1/61, 1/64, 1/65, 1/67, 1/68, 1/74, 1/88, 1/89, 1/91, 1/92, 1/93, 1/94, 1/95, 1/96, 1/98, 1/99, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 5/14, 5/17, 5/19, 5/27, 5/29, 5/32	The Proposed Project will require an open cutting HVDC crossing underneath Cadent's gas main running north to south in Leiston Road and underneath a gas main under the old railway line. Depending on separation NGET may need to expose Cadent's asset to install cathodic protection. Construction of a temporary bellmouth may interface with apparatus in the verge.	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis. Cadent Gas are currently reviewing draft protective provisions and side agreement for their benefit. Subject to ongoing negotiation, the Applicant anticipates that Cadent Gas will have the benefit of bespoke protective provisions which would be set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO. The Applicant currently expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.
Southern Gas Networks Limited	Gas Transporter	Kent: 3/80, 3/87, 3/88, 3/91, 3/92, 3/93, 3/96, 3/100, 4/2, 4/26	2x medium pressure mains interface with the access road and temporary construction compound, and the trenchless HVDC cable	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis. Subject to ongoing negotiation, the Applicant anticipates that Southern Gas Networks will have the benefit of bespoke protective

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			requiring monitoring during drilling.		provisions which would be set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO. The Applicant currently expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.
City Fibre Holdings Limited	Telecommunications	Suffolk: 1/1	Fibre cable within the highway.	The Applicant is pursuing negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to pursue engagement with the statutory undertaker as necessary on an ongoing basis. At this stage the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.
EXA Infrastructure	Telecommunications	Suffolk: 3/35, 3/37, 3/40, 3/60, 3/63, 3/64, 4/1, 4/3, 4/4	Haul road interface requiring asset protection to be installed and HVDC open cut cable installation requiring appropriate clearance.	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis. At this stage and based on discussions with the statutory undertaker including in relation to the signed SoCG [REP1-090] submitted at deadline 1, the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc	Electricity Transmitter	Kent: 1/1, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/11, 1/12, 1/13, 1/14, 1/15, 1/16, 1/17, 1/18, 1/20, 1/21	Subsoil fronting land to the south west of Kings End Cottage, Richborough Road	N/A	N/A
	Interface with existing overhead				

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		1/22, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, 2/10, 2/12, 2/13, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/24, 2/27, 2/28, 2/29, 2/30, 2/38, 2/40, 2/42, 2/44, 2/46, 2/47, 2/48, 2/49, 2/50, 2/51, 2/52, 2/53, 2/54, 2/55, 2/56, 2/57, 2/58, 2/59, 2/60, 2/61, 2/62, 2/63, 2/65, 2/66, 2/67, 2/68, 2/69, 2/70, 2/71, 2/72, 2/73, 2/74, 2/75, 2/76, 2/77, 2/81, 2/84, 2/85, 2/91, 2/98, 2/105, 3/59, 3/60, 3/61, 3/65, 4/10, 4/25	electricity distribution lines in Kent and Suffolk.		

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		2/12, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/22a, 2/23, 2/24, 2/26, 2/27, 2/28, 2/29, 2/31, 2/32, 2/33, 2/34, 2/35, 2/36, 2/37, 2/38, 2/40, 2/41, 2/99, 3/1, 3/16, 3/17, 3/18			
Nemo Link Limited	Electricity Generator	Kent: 3/101, 3/102, 3/103, 3/104, 3/105, 3/106, 3/107, 3/108, 3/109, 3/110, 3/111, 3/112, 5/26, 5/27, 5/28, 5/29, 5/30, 5/30a, 5/31, 5/32, 5/33, 5/34, 5/35, 5/36, 5/37, 5/39, 5/40, 5/41, 5/42, 5/43, 5/44, 5/45, 5/46, 5/47, 5/48	HVDC crosses underground electricity transmission lines.	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis.  At this stage the Applicant anticipates that the Nemo Link Limited will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.
Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	Railways	Kent: 2/56, 2/65, 2/66, 2/67, 2/69, 2/70,	Kent: Use of 2x level crossings forming part of the public	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to pursue engagement with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis.

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		2/71, 2/72, 2/73, 2/74, 2/75, 2/76, 2/78, 2/79, 2/84, 2/107, 2/108, 2/109, 2/110, 2/111, 2/112, 2/113, 2/114, 2/115, 2/116, 2/117, 2/123, 2/186, 2/187, 2/188, 3/3, 3/80, 3/86, 3/87	highway; 1x construction access using an existing level crossing, requiring upgrades to the level crossing and protection to the rails; 400kV overhead lines to be installed over the rail line.  Suffolk:  Overbridging of the Benhall Rail Bridge.		Subject to ongoing negotiation, the Applicant anticipates that Network Rail will have the benefit of bespoke protective provisions which would be set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.  The Applicant currently expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.
OCU Group Limited	Telecommunications	Kent: 2/110, 2/114, 2/116	Interface with underground fibre cables.	The Applicant is pursuing negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to pursue engagement with the statutory undertaker as necessary on an ongoing basis.  At this stage the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.
Openreach Limited	Telecommunications	Kent: 1/1, 1/2, 2/43, 2/81, 2/82, 2/83, 3/2, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/9, 3/11, 3/13, 3/15, 3/16, 3/18, 3/19, 3/22, 3/23, 3/25, 3/26,	Trenchless HVDC cable crossing Openreach ducts and open cut HVDC cable crossing Openreach ducts requiring appropriate clearance and	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis.  At this stage the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.

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		3/35, 3/88, 3/90, 3/91, 3/92, 3/97, 3/97a, 3/98a, 3/100, 3/101, 3/111, 4/4, 4/10, 4/12, 4/13, 4/18, 4/19, 4/19a, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/24, 4/26, 4/28, 6/1, 6/6	monitoring; haul road and temporary bellmouth operating under existing overhead lines require clearances to be managed and asset protection for ducts.		

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2))	Electricity Generator	Suffolk: 1/49a, 1/69, 1/70, 1/71, 1/72, 1/73 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, 2/9, 2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/13, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/20, 2/20a, 2/35, 2/36, 2/37, 2/38, 2/42, 2/46, 2/47, 2/48, 2/55, 2/57, 2/58, 2/59, 2/60, 2/61, 2/63, 2/64, 2/65, 2/68, 2/69, 2/70, 2/71, 2/72, 2/78, 2/78a, 2/78b, 2/79, 2/79a, 2/99, 3/38, 3/39, 3/40, 3/45, 3/46, 3/47, 3/49, 3/51, 3/53, 3/55, 3/56, 3/57, 3/59, 3/63, 4/2, 4/4, 4/5, 4/6, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/19, 4/24,	The Proposed Project cable ducts and haul roads will cross EA1N/EA2 export cables. Crossing agreement required	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis. The Applicant is in discussion in respect of bespoke protective provisions and anticipates these would be set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO. The Applicant currently expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
		4/25, 4/26, 5/1, 5/2			
Thanet OFTO Limited	Electricity Generator	Kent: 3/90, 3/108, 3/111, 3/112, 5/6, 5/25, 5/30, 5/30a, 5/31, 5/32, 5/33 5/35 5/36 5/39, 5/45, 5/46, 5/47, 5/48	Easement crossing required.	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	Crossing agreement required. The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis. At this stage the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.
UK Power Network Services (South East) Limited	Electricity Transmitter	Kent: 1/2, 1/5, 1/7, 1/14, 1/18, 1/19, 2/12, 2/15, 2/27, 2/35, 2/36, 2/39, 2/40, 2/41, 2/42, 2/45, 2/49, 2/50, 2/51, 2/54, 2/55, 2/60, 2/62, 2/63, 2/64, 2/65, 2/73, 2/83, 2/84, 2/85, 2/86, 2/145, 2/146, 2/149, 2/150, 2/151, 2/152, 2/155, 2/156, 2/157, 2/158, 2/159, 2/168, 2/173, 2/174, 2/180, 3/2, 3/7, 3/8, 3/42, 3/43,	Interfaces requiring diversion of underground and overhead lines, or sufficient clearance during construction	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis. At this stage and based on discussions with the statutory undertaker including in relation to the draft SoCG [REP1-097] submitted at deadline 1, the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots affected	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
		3/47, 3/48, 3/52, 3/53, 3/54, 3/55, 3/56, 3/57, 3/58, 3/62, 3/74, 3/75, 3/77, 3/78, 3/79, 3/80, 3/82, 3/84, 3/85, 3/87, 3/88, 3/90, 3/91, 3/92, 3/95, 3/96, 3/97, 3/97a, 3/111, 4/6, 4/11, 4/13, 4/18, 4/19, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/26, 4/27, 6/1, 6/6	Suffolk: 1/11, 1/25, 1/49, 1/49a, 1/69, 1/70, 2/1, 2/3, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, 2/9, 2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/14, 2/15, 2/20, 2/24, 2/25, 2/36, 2/39, 2/40, 2/41, 2/42, 2/43, 2/44, 2/73, 2/77, 2/84, 2/88, 2/100, 2/102, 2/103,		

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
		2/104, 3/2, 3/5, 3/10, 3/11, 3/12, 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22, 3/39, 3/40, 3/41, 3/54, 3/62, 3/63, 3/64, 4/5, 4/7, 4/16, 4/18, 5/14, 5/17, 5/18, 5/19, 5/21, 5/22			
The River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board	Internal Drainage Board	3/99	Land drain	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis.
Virgin Media Limited	Telecommunications	Suffolk: 4/1, 4/13, 5/14, 5/17, 5/19	Apparatus within verge and carriageway at Leiston Road - Lower cabled ducts in grass verge to below proposed construction depth of the new haul road.	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis.  At this stage and based on discussions with the statutory undertaker including in relation to the draft SoCG [REP1-098] submitted at deadline 1, the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.
Vodafone Limited	Telecommunications	Suffolk: 4/1, 4/13, 5/14, 5/17, 5/19	Vodafone assets in Leiston Road	The Applicant is in active negotiations with a view to addressing the relevant tests and will update this tracker at a future deadline.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the statutory undertaker on an ongoing basis.  At this stage and based on discussions with the statutory

Statutory Undertaker	Nature of Undertaking	Plots	Land, rights or apparatus affected	Engagement of s.127 and/or s.138	Status of negotiation
					undertaker including in relation to the draft SoCG [REP1-099] submitted at deadline 1, the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.

## 2.5 Protective Provisions and Side Agreements

**Table 2.2: Protective Provisions and Side Agreements – Deadline 3 Update**

Organisation	Status of protective provisions	Scope and purpose of any relevant side agreement	Current position	Progress since last update
Anglian Water	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	<p>The Applicant has discussed with Anglian Water the scope of further technical work to underpin the bespoke protections requested in relation to the Proposed Project. This is captured in the draft SoCG [REP1-086] submitted at deadline 1. Further meetings are anticipated in early 2026 to progress this matter.</p> <p>The Applicant expects to reach agreement during the period of the examination.</p>

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Status of protective provisions</b>	<b>Scope and purpose of any relevant side agreement</b>	<b>Current position</b>	<b>Progress since last update</b>
Cadent Gas Limited	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	Discussions between the parties are ongoing. Comments on protective provisions were received from Cadent in December and are being reviewed by the Applicant. Further meetings are anticipated in early 2026 to progress this matter.
Kent County Council (Highways Authority)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	Discussions between the parties are ongoing. The Applicant issued draft protective provisions for review in December.
Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd (NRIL)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	A Basic Asset Protection Agreement is in place. The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of other protections required.	Under negotiation	Discussions between the parties are ongoing. The Applicant has issued draft protective provisions for review by NRIL and is awaiting comments on these and a first draft of a framework agreement which NRIL is preparing.
Southern Gas Networks Limited (SGN)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	Ongoing discussions between the parties. Draft protective provisions are with SGN for comment. Further meetings are anticipated in early 2026 to progress this matter.
Suffolk County Council (Highways Authority) (SCC)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	Discussions between the parties are ongoing. The Applicant issued draft protective provisions for review in December.

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Dock and Harbour Authority (Harwich Haven Authority) (HHA)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	Discussions between the parties are ongoing, with protective provisions likely to be required, mirroring the requirements of the PLA.
Port of London Authority (PLA)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	Discussions between the parties on the draft protective provisions are ongoing. Further meetings are anticipated in early 2026 to progress this matter.
London Gateway Port	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	Discussions between the parties are ongoing, with protective provisions likely to be required, mirroring the requirements of the PLA.
Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2))	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	SPR has indicated that a Crossing Agreement will be required.  The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of other protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant is in discussion in respect of draft bespoke protective provisions with SPR (EA1N/EA2).  Further meetings are anticipated in early 2026 to progress this matter.
East Suffolk Water Management Board (ESWMB)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Requested	Ongoing discussions between the parties.  The Applicant is discussing with ESWMB the scope of their requirements and the most appropriate means for securing protection of their assets. This engagement is captured in the draft SoCG [REP1-088] between the parties submitted at deadline 1.

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Quintas Energy (Manston Thorne Limited)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Quintas Energy on behalf of Manston Thorne Limited submitted a Relevant Representation seeking confirmation that the existing apparatus within the Order Limits is protected under the relevant Protective Provisions	The Applicant is pursuing further engagement with Quintas Energy.
Northumbrian Water Group Limited (NWG) (Essex and Suffolk Water)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant has received from Northumbrian Water Group Limited (Essex & Suffolk Water) a draft Asset Protection Agreement and bespoke protective provisions which are currently under review. Further meetings are anticipated in early 2026 to progress this matter.
Sizewell C Ltd (S2C)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Requested	The Applicant is pursuing further discussions with S2C to determine their requirements.
Southern Water Services Limited	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant is awaiting comments from Southern Water on the standard protective provisions for water undertakers. Subject to confirmation of Southern Water's requirements, further meetings are anticipated in early 2026 to progress this matter.
BT (British Telecommunications plc) (UK to Netherlands cable; UK to	The Applicant anticipates that BT will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	BT has indicated that a Crossing Agreement (out of service and in service) will be required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will pursue further discussions with BT to determine their requirements.

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Belgium cable; Farland cable; Mercator cable)		The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of other protections required.		
EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited (Sizewell B)	The Applicant anticipates that Energy Nuclear Generation Limited will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	N/A	N/A	The Applicant will pursue further discussions with EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited to determine their requirements.
UK Power Networks Limited (UKPN)	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will continue to engage with UKPN on an ongoing basis. At this stage and based on discussions with the statutory undertaker including in relation to the draft SoCG [REP1-097] submitted at deadline 1, the Applicant anticipates that the statutory undertaker will rely on the standard protective set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.
National Grid Electricity Transmission plc	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc will benefit from the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	N/A	N/A	N/A
City Fibre Holdings Limited	The Applicant anticipates that City Fibre Holdings Limited will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	N/A	City Fibre Holdings Limited did not submit a Relevant Representation and has not requested any further protection.	The Applicant is pursuing further engagement with City Fibre Holdings Limited.
OCU Group Limited	The Applicant anticipates that OCU Group Limited will rely on the standard protective	N/A	OCU Group Limited did not submit a Relevant Representation and has not	The Applicant is pursuing further engagement with OCU Group Limited.

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Openreach	The Applicant anticipates that Openreach will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	N/A	Openreach did not submit a Relevant Representation and has not requested any further protection.	Following further enquiries by Openreach regarding the Proposed Project, the Applicant is pursuing further engagement.
Thanet OFTO Limited	The Applicant anticipates that the Thanet OFTO will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	Thanet OFTO has indicated that a Crossing Agreement will be required.  The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant is pursuing further discussions with Thanet OFTO Limited regarding a Crossing Agreement.
Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited	The Applicant anticipates that Five Estuaries will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	Five Estuaries has indicated that a Crossing Agreement will be required.  The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant is pursuing further discussions with Five Estuaries regarding a Crossing Agreement.
North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited	The Applicant anticipates that North Falls will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	North Falls has indicated that a Crossing Agreement will be required.  The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will pursue further discussions with North Falls to determine their requirements.
National Grid Ventures (NGV) Lion Link	The Applicant anticipates that NGV will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	N/A	Discussions between the parties are ongoing. The engagement is reflected in the draft SoCG [REP1-102] between the parties submitted at deadline 1 and the Coordination Document [APP-

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EXA Infrastructure	The Applicant anticipates that EXA Infrastructure will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	N/A	EXA Infrastructure did not submit a Relevant Representation and has not requested any further protection.	The Applicant will continue to engage with EXA Infrastructure on an ongoing basis. Relevant matters regarding terrestrial infrastructure are covered in the signed SoCG [REP1-090] between the parties. The signed SoCG was submitted at Deadline 1.
BritNed Development Limited	The Applicant anticipates that BritNed Development Limited will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	BritNed has indicated that a Crossing Agreement will be required.  The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will pursue further discussions with BritNed to determine their requirements.
Virgin Media	The Applicant anticipates that the Virgin Media will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	N/A	Virgin Media did not submit a Relevant Representation and has not requested any further protection.	The Applicant will continue to engage with Virgin Media, the outcomes of which will be reflected in the next version of the draft SoCG [REP1-098] between the parties, .
Vodafone	The Applicant anticipates that the Vodafone will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	N/A	Vodafone did not submit a Relevant Representation and has not requested any further protection.	The Applicant will continue to engage with the Vodafone, the outcomes of which will be reflected in the next version of the draft SoCG [REP1-099] between the parties.
NeuConnect Britain Ltd	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	A Crossing Agreement is expected to be required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will pursue further discussions with NeuConnect to determine their requirements.

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Gridlink Interconnector Limited	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	Gridlink Interconnector Limited has indicated a Crossing Agreement will be required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will continue to engage with Gridlink to determine their requirements.
Lumen Technologies UK Limited (Pan European Crossing cable; Tangerine cable)	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	A Crossing Agreement is expected to be required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will continue to engage with Lumen Technologies UK Limited to determine their requirements.
EXA Infrastructure (Q&E North Cable)*	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	A Crossing Agreement is expected to be required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will continue to engage with EXA Infrastructure regarding marine interfaces on an ongoing basis.
Blue Transmission London Array Limited	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	N/A
Riveroak Strategic Partners (RSP) (authorised undertaker for the Manston Airport Development Consent Order 2022)	The Applicant is seeking to establish the nature of protections required.	The Applicant is seeking to establish the nature of protections required.	Riveroak Strategic Partners submitted a Relevant Representation seeking to understand interfaces between the two projects. The Applicant is pursuing further engagement.	N/A
TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited (Transmission Investment – EA1 cable)	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	A Crossing Agreement is expected to be required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will continue to engage with TC East Anglia One OFTO Limited to determine their requirements.

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Scottish Power (UK) Renewables Limited (SPR) East Anglia Three	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	A Crossing Agreement is required.	Under negotiation	SPR has issued a draft to the Applicant for review and discussions are ongoing.
South Eastern Power Networks plc	The parties are in discussion and are seeking to reach agreement on bespoke protective provisions.	The parties are in ongoing discussions as to the nature of protections required.	Under negotiation	N/A
Nemo Link Limited	The Applicant anticipates that the stakeholder will rely on the standard protective provisions set out in Schedule 15 of the dDCO.	A Crossing Agreement is required.	Under negotiation	The Applicant will continue to engage with Nemo Link to determine their requirements.

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