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Dear Sir/Madam,

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The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 3A.

1. Natural England's Deadline 3A Submissions

An update of Natural England's position and advice in relation to documents relevant to our remit is provided in the Appendices listed below.

Natural England highlights that a large volume of complex material has been submitted in both the pre-Examination period and at subsequent deadlines. Further, a considerable proportion of this material has been amended and/or superseded by subsequent submissions. This is making document review and advice formulation exceptionally challenging. Unfortunately, as a result Natural England has not been able to conclude our review of all the documentation submitted in time for our Deadline 3A response. Consequently, our aim is to respond to any further Deadline 1A and Deadline 2 submissions relevant to our remit at Deadline 4.

A full list of documents reviewed for each thematic area is included below in Annex 1 and also listed within each Appendix for detailed comments.

The Appendices submitted at Deadline 3A are as follows:

- EN020026_538243__Sea Link Energy Cable Appendix J3A - Natural England's Comments on Kent Landfall – Deadline 3A.pdf
- EN020026_538243__Sea Link Energy Cable Appendix C3A – Natural England's Marine Physical Environment Advice on the DCO – Deadline 3A.pdf
- EN020026_538243__Sea Link Energy Cable Appendix E3A – Natural England's Advice on Benthic Ecology– Deadline 3A.pdf
- EN020026_538243Sea Link Energy Cable_Natural England Risk Issues Log_Deadline 3A

Furthermore, Natural England also aims to provide further advice on submissions up to and including Deadline 2 regarding offshore ornithology by Deadline 4 (10th February 2026).

Natural England notes that a number of documents were submitted at Deadline 3 and expects further documents to be submitted at Deadline 3A. We will make best endeavours to respond to any relevant additional documentation by Deadline 5.

Natural England notes that, due to the number of issues at the Kent Landfall site, a new tab will be added to our Risks and Issues Log and our PADS at Deadline 4 to include the new issues raised within Appendix J3.A. Due to heavy workload and timing it was not possible to make this change for Deadline 3A.

2. Examining Authority's Written Questions 1 (ExQ1) [PD-017]

As noted in our Deadline 2 cover letter, owing to the large volume of documents submitted by the Applicant into Examination, Natural England is aiming to submit our response to ExQ1 at Deadline 4. The response will also provide relevant signposting to our written submissions.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact the Natural England Sea Link case team.

Yours faithfully

Sustainable Development, East Midlands Area Team

Annex 1: Natural England's Response to the Applicant's Documents Submitted prior to Deadline 1 Relevant to our Remit

| PINS Document Reference | Document Name | Natural England's Response/Position Summary |
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| Procedural Decisions and Notifications to the Examining Authority | | |
| Additional Submissions – Response to s51 Advice | | |
| AS-004 | 6.3.2.2.A (B) Appendix 2.2.A Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report (Redacted) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. However, we reserve the right to provide comments on any updated version at a later deadline. |
| AS-005 | 6.3.3.2.A (B) ES Appendix 3.2.A Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report (Redacted) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. However, we reserve the right to provide comments on any updated version at a later deadline. |
| AS-006 | 6.3.4.2.D (B) ES Appendix 4.2.D Interim Subtidal Survey Report (Additional Surveys) | Natural England has provided comments within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submission. |
| AS-007 | 6.6 (B) Habitats Regulations Assessment Report | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix D3 of our Deadline 3 submission and Appendices E3A and J3A of our Deadline 3A. |
| AS-021 | 6.2.4.2 (B) Part 4 Marine Chapter 2 Benthic Ecology (Tracked Changes) - Applicants response to Section 51 Advice issued on 23 April 2025 | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix E3A for deadline 3a. |
| AS-025 | 6.2.4.4 (B) Part 4 Marine Chapter 4 Marine Mammals (Tracked Change) - Applicants response to Section 51 Advice issued on 23 April 2025 - Accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority. This document has been superseded by AS-050. | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-028 | 6.4.2.2.A (B) Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report (including Badgers and Important Hedgerows) - Applicants response to Section 51 Advice issued on 23 April 2025 | In regards to onshore Suffolk matters Natural England has no comments. However, we may wish to provide further comments on any updated version at a later deadline. |
| AS-035 | 9.5 Subtidal Survey Report (Additional Surveys) - Applicants response to Section 51 Advice issued on 23 April 2025 | Natural England has provided comments within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions. |
| Additional Submissions – Response to the ExA's s89(3) Letters 8 July and 5 August 2025 | | |

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| AS-050 | 6.2.4.4 (C) Part 4 Marine Chapter 4 Marine Mammals (Tracked). This document has been superseded by AS-096 | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-051 | 6.3.3.5.D ES Appendix 3.5.D Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment - Kent Part 1 of 2 | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-052 | 6.3.3.5.D ES Appendix 3.5.D Generic Quantitative Risk Assessment - Kent Part 2 of 2 | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-054 | 6.4.4.4 (B) ES Figures Marine Mammals (Tracked) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-056 | 6.12 (B) Biodiversity Net Gain Feasibility Report (Tracked) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-060 | 7.5.7.1 (B) Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan - Suffolk (Tracked) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-062 | 9.6.1 Appendix A Indicative cumulative visualisations of the National Grid and Scottish Power Renewables substations near Friston | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| AS-063 | 9.6.2 Appendix B Consented SPR Outline Landscape Mitigation overlain with the Sea Link Outline Landscape Mitigation for NGET Substation | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| AS-064 | 9.6.3 Appendix C Visualisations showing the indicative location of the Lionlink converter station alongside the Sea Link converter station | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| AS-066 | 9.6.5 Appendix E Details of Similar designs of converter stations and substations | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-088 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the | Natural England's response to this document is provided |

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| | Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 3.1 (D) draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Changes) | in Appendix C3A for Deadline 3A. |
| AS-090 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 3.2 (C) Explanatory Memorandum (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-092 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 4.2 (C) Statement of Reasons (Tracked Changes). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-096 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 6.2.4.4 (D) Part 4 Marine Chapter 4 Marine Mammals (Tracked Changes). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-098 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 6.3.3.2.B (B) ES Appendix 3.2.B Wintering Bird Survey Report 2022-2023 (Tracked Changes). | Natural England previously advised we would respond to this document at Deadline 3. Natural England will now respond to this document by Deadline 4. |
| AS-101 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 9.7 (B) Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Changes) | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix C3A for Deadline 3A. |
| AS-102 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) | Natural England's response on this document has been provided in Appendix H3 of our Deadline 3 submission |

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| | letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 9.11.1 Additional visualisation request from the AONB | |
| AS-103 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority – Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter 8 July 2025 & 5 August 2025 – 9.11.2 Additional visualisation request from along the River Stour | Natural England's response on this document has been provided in Appendix H3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| AS-110 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 6.2.2.9 (B) Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 9 Noise & Vibration (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-112 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 6.2.3.9 (B) Part 3 Kent Chapter 9 Noise and Vibration (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-114 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 6.2.4.1 (B) Part 4 Marine Chapter 1 Physical Environment (Tracked changes) | Natural England's response on this document is provided in Appendix D3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| AS-116 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 6.2.4.5 (B) Part 4 Marine Chapter 5 Marine Ornithology (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document by Deadline 4. |
| AS-128 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 7.5.3 (B) Outline Onshore Construction Environmental Management Plan (Tracked Changes). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |

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| AS-130 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 7.5.6.1 (B) Air Quality Management Plan - Suffolk (Tracked Changes). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. However, please refer to Annex 1 in Appendix B3 of Natural England's Deadline 3 submission for Natural England's Standard Advice for Air Quality Impacts in Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). |
| AS-132 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 7.5.8.1 (B) Outline EN020026 – Noise and Vibration Management Plan - Suffolk (Tracked Changes). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| AS-134 | Additional Submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Applicant's response to the ExA's s89(3) letter of 5 September 2025 - 7.5.8.2 (B) Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan - Kent (Tracked Changes). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| Change Request 1 | | |
| CR1a-001 | Applicant's response to the ExA's Rule 9 letter of 25 September 2025. | Please refer to Appendix A3 of the Deadline 3 submission. for Natural England's comments. We have no further comments to make. |
| CR1a-002 | Supporting document to the change request notification – Cover Letter. | Please refer to Appendix A3 of the Deadline 3 submission for Natural England's comments. We have no further comments to make. |
| CR1a-003 | Supporting document to the change request notification – Change Application Consultation Document | Please refer to Appendix A3 of the Deadline 3 submission. for Natural England's comments. We have no further comments to make. |

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| CR1a-004 | Supporting document to the change request notification – DCO change notification letters | Please refer to Appendix A3 of the Deadline 3 submission. for Natural England's comments. We have no further comments to make. |
| CR1a-005 | Supporting document to the change request notification – Covering Letter Cat 3 Oct 2025 | Please refer to Appendix A3 of the Deadline 3 submission. for Natural England's comments. We have no further comments to make. |
| CR1a-006 | Supporting document to the change request notification – Change Application Consultation Figures | Please refer to Appendix A3 of the Deadline 3 submission for Natural England's comments. We have no further comments to make. |
| CR1a-007 | Supporting document to the change request notification – Draft Land Rights Plans | Please refer to Appendix A3 of the Deadline 3 submission. for Natural England's comments. We have no further comments to make. |
| Applicant Submissions – Procedural Deadline A – 8 October 2025 | | |
| PDA-018 | 6.2.2.2 (B) Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity (Tracked) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| PDA-020 | 6.2.2.6 (B) Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 6 Agriculture and Soils (Tracked). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| PDA-022 | 6.2.3.2 (C) Part 3 Kent Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity (Tracked). | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| PDA-024 | 6.2.3.6 (B) Part 3 Kent Chapter 6 Agriculture and Soils (Tracked). | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| PDA-026 | 6.3.2.2.B (B) Appendix 2.2.B Suffolk Wintering Bird Report (Tracked) | Natural England will provide comment on this document by Deadline 4 |
| PDA-028 | 6.3.2.2.C (B) Appendix 2.2.C Suffolk Breeding Bird Report (Tracked) | Natural England will provide comment on this document by Deadline4. |

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| PDA-036 | 7.5.7.2 (B) Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan- Kent (Tracked) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| PDA-037 | 9.20.1 Landfall Sediment Modelling Report Aldeburgh | Please refer to Appendices A3 and D3 of Natural England's Deadline 3 submission for our comments and Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions. |
| PDA-038 | 9.20.2 Landfall Sediment Modelling Report Pegwell Bay | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix D3 of Natural England's Deadline 3 submission. |
| PDA-039 | 9.21 Sea Link Cable Burial Risk Assessment | Natural England has provided response to this document within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3 A submission. |

Annex 2: Natural England's Response to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 1 Relevant to our Remit

| PINS Document Reference | Document Name | Natural England's Response/Position Summary |
|--|---|---|
| Procedural Decisions and Notifications to the Examining Authority | | |
| REP1-001 | 2.5.1 (B) Work Plans - Suffolk | Natural England has no comments on this document. However, we reserve the right to provide comments at a later deadline should updated documents be provided. |
| REP1-004 | 6.3.4.4.A (B) ES Appendix 4.4.A Pegwell Bay Seal Survey Report (Tracked) | Please refer to Natural England Appendix F3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-010 | 6.4.4.1 (B) ES Figures Marine Physical Environment (Tracked) | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix D3. |
| REP1-012 | 6.4.4.4 (C) ES Figures Marine Mammals (Tracked) | Please refer to Natural England Appendix F3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-014 | 6.4.4.4.A (B) ES Figures Marine Pegwell Bay Seal Survey Report (Tracked) | Please refer to Natural England Appendix F3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-016 | 6.4.4.11 (B) ES Figures Marine Inter-Project Cumulative Effects (Tracked) | Natural England has provided response within our Deadline 3A Appendices E3A and J3A. |
| REP1-022 | 6.11 (B) Marine Conservation Zone Assessment (Tracked) | Natural England has provided a response to this document in Appendix D3 of our <u>Deadline 3 submission</u> and Appendix E3A of our <u>Deadline 3A submission</u> . |
| REP1-024 | 7.7 (B) Marine Biosecurity Plan (Tracked) | Natural England has provided comment within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions. |
| REP1-026 | 7.5.11 (B) Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Plan (Tracked) | Please refer to Natural England Appendix F3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-028 | 7.5.12 (B) Outline Offshore Invasive Non-Native Species | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix B3 of our Deadline 3 |

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| | Management Plan (Tracked) | submission and Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions. |
| REP1-034 | 2.3 (C) Land Plans Part 1 of 2 | Natural England has no comments on this document. |
| REP1-035 | 2.3 (C) Land Plans Part 2 of 2 | Natural England has no comments on this document. |
| REP1-037 | 3.1(E) draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix C3A. |
| REP1-039 | 3.2 (D) Explanatory Memorandum (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP1-041 | 4.2 (E) Statement of Reasons (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP1-048 | 6.2.2.2 (C) Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity (Tracked Changes) | Please refer to Appendix A3 of Natural England's Deadline 3 submission for our comments. Natural England may provide further comments on this document by no later than Deadline 4. |
| REP1-050 | 6.2.3.2 (D) Part 3 Kent Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity (Tracked Changes) | Please refer to Natural England's Appendix B3 of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-052 | 6.2.4.1 (C) Part 4 Marine Chapter 1 Physical Environment (Tracked) | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix D3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-054 | 6.2.4.2 (C) Part 4 Marine Chapter 2 Benthic Ecology (Tracked) | Natural England have provided a response to this document within Appendix E3A. |
| REP1-056 | 6.2.4.4 (E) Part 4 Marine Chapter 4 Marine Mammals (Tracked) | Natural England previously advised we would will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3A. Natural England will now respond to this document by no later than Deadline 4. |
| REP1-062 | 6.2.4.9 (B) Part 4 Marine Chapter 9 Other Sea Users (Tracked) | Natural England previously advised we would |

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| | | respond to this document at Deadline 3. Natural England will now respond to this document by no later than Deadline 4. |
| REP1-064 | 6.3.4.7.A (B) Navigational Risk Assessment (Tracked) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP1-066 | 6.4.3.2.A (C) Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report (tracked) | Natural England will provide comments a Deadline 4. |
| REP1-068 | 6.4.4.2 (B) ES Figures Marine Benthic Ecology (Tracked) | Natural England previously advised we would respond to this document at Deadline 3. Natural England has provided response within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submission. |
| REP1-072 | 6.6 (C) Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (Tracked Changes) | Please refer to Appendices A3, B3, and D3 of Natural England's Deadline 3 submission for our comments. We have provided further comments relating to benthic ecology and the Kent landfall within our Deadline 3A see appendices J3A and E3A. |
| REP1-074 | 7.4 (B) Statement of Commonality (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP1-103 | 7.5.3.2 (B) CEMP Appendix B Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (Tracked Changes) | Please refer to Appendices A3 and D3 of Natural England's Deadline 3 submission. And Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions |
| REP1-107 | 9.7 (C) Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Changes) | Please refer to Appendix C3A of Natural England's Deadline 3A submission. |
| REP1-108 | 9.13 Pegwell Bay Construction Method Technical Note | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix D3 to the Deadline 3 submission and Appendix J3A of our Deadline 3 A submissions. |
| REP1-109 | 9.14 Suffolk and Kent Illustrative Visualisations | Natural England has provided a response to this |

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| | | document in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-111 | 9.34.1 Applicant's Detailed Responses to the Relevant Representations identified by the ExA | As advised in our Relevant Representation and Deadline 1 Cover letters Natural England will not provide comment on the Applicant's comments on our comments, unless specifically requested to do so. |
| REP1-120 | 9.47 National Landscape Section 85 Duty Technical Note | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-121 | 9.48 River Fromus Visualisations | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-124 | 9.72.1 Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) Action Points - Deadline 1 | Natural England will provide a response on this document by not later than Deadline 4. |
| Deadline 1 Late Submissions | | |
| REP1-296 | 9.14 Suffolk and Kent Illustrative Visualisations Part 1 of 2 | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-297 | 9.14 Suffolk and Kent Illustrative Visualisations Part 2 of 2 | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-298 | 9.48 River Fromus Visualisations Part 1 of 3 | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP1-299 | 9.48 River Fromus Visualisations Part 2 of 3 | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |

| PINS Document Reference | Document Name | Natural England's Response/Position Summary |
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| REP1-300 | 9.48 River Fromus Visualisations Part 3 of 3 | Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix H3 to the Deadline 3 submission. |

Annex 3: Natural England's Response to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 1A Relevant to our Remit

| PINS Document Reference | Document Name | Natural England's Response/Position Summary |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| REP1A-001 | 9.38.2 Deadline 1A Cover Letter | Natural England will provide a response to this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-004 | 6.2.1.4 (D) Part 1 Introduction Chapter 4 Description of the Proposed Project (Tracked) | Natural England provided comment within our Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions. |
| REP1A-012 | 6.2.4.11 (B) Part 4 Marine Chapter 11 Inter-Project Cumulative Effects (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-016 | 6.3.3.2.B (C) ES Appendix 3.2.B Wintering Bird Survey Report 2022-2023 (Tracked changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-018 | 6.3.3.2.C (B) ES Appendix 3.2.C Wintering Bird Survey Report 2023-2024 (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-020 | 6.3.3.2.D (B) ES Appendix 3.2.D Breeding Bird Survey Report 2023 (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-022 | 6.3.3.2.E (B) ES Appendix 3.2.E Breeding Bird Survey Report 2024 (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-024 | 6.3.3.2.F (B) ES Appendix 3.2.F Vantage Point Survey Report (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-026 | 6.12 (C) Biodiversity Net Gain Feasibility Report (Tracked changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-030 | 7.11.1 (B) Design Approach Document - Suffolk (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-032 | 7.11.2 (B) Design Approach Document - Kent (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-033 | 9.37 Applicant's Responses to Supplementary Agenda Additional Questions for Issue Specific Hearing 1 | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-036 | 9.70 Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions to Issue Specific Hearing 1 | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP1A-037 | 9.72.2 Applicant's Response to Issue Specific Hearing 1 Action Points | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| Change Request Submissions | | |

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| CR1-001 | 9.76.1 Change Request Cover Letter | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-002 | 2.2 Location Plans (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-003 | 2.3 (C) Land Plans Part 1 of 2 (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-004 | 2.3 (C) Land Plans Part 1 of 2 Summary of Changes (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-005 | 2.3 (C) Land Plans Part 2 of 2 (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-006 | 2.3 (C) Land Plans Summary of Changes Part 2 of 2 (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-007 | 2.5.1 (B) Works Plans - Suffolk (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-008 | 2.5.2 (B) Works Plans - Kent (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-009 | 2.5.3 Works Plans - Offshore (Version 2, change request) | Natural England provided response within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A response. |
| CR1-010 | 2.6 Traffic Regulation Order Plans (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-011 | 2.7 (B) Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-012 | 2.8.1 Statutory and Non Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance - Suffolk (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-013 | 2.8.2 Statutory and Non Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance - Kent (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-014 | 2.8.3 Statutory and Non Statutory Sites of Nature Conservation Geological and Landscape Importance - Offshore (Version 2, change request) | Natural England provided comment within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions. |

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| CR1-015 | 2.9.1 Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats - Suffolk (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-016 | 2.9.2 Habitats of Protected Species and Important Habitats - Kent (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-017 | 2.9.3 CONFIDENTIAL Habitats of Protected Species - Location of Badger Setts Plans - Suffolk (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-018 | 2.9.4 CONFIDENTIAL Habitats of Protected Species - Location of Badger Setts Plans - Kent (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-019 | 2.10.1 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Suffolk (version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-020 | 2.10.2 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Kent (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-021 | 2.10.3 Statutory and Non-Statutory Sites and Features of the Historic Environment - Offshore (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-022 | 2.11 Water Bodies in the River Basin Management Plans (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-023 | 2.12 Trees and Important Hedgerows to be Removed or Managed Plans (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-024 | 2.14.1 Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Suffolk (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-025 | 2.14.2 Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Kent (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-026 | 2.14.3 Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Offshore (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-028 | 3.1(E) (Version 2, Change Request) draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix C3A.. |
| CR1-030 | 3.2 (D) (Version 2, Change Request) Explanatory Memorandum (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-035 | 4.2.1 (C) Statement of Reasons Appendix A Details of Purpose for Which Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Powers are Sought (Version 2, change request) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |

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| CR1-039 | 4.2.3 (B) SoR Appendix C Special Category Land Report (Version 2, change request) (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-041 | 7.5.1.1 (B) Construction Traffic Management and Travel Plan Suffolk (Version 2 - change request) (clean) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-042 | 7.5.1.1 (B) Outline Construction Traffic Management and Travel Plan Suffolk (Version 2 - change request) (tracked change) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-044 | 7.5.3.2 (B) CEMP Appendix B Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (Version 2, change request) (Tracked) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-046 | 7.5.7.1 (B) Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan - Suffolk (Version 2, change request) (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-048 | 7.5.9.1 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan - Suffolk (version 2 - change request) (Tracked Changes) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-051 | 9.7 (C) (Version 2, Change Request) Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has provided a response on this document in Appendix C3A. |
| CR1-052 | 9.76.2 (A) Change Request Report | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-053 | 9.76.3 (A) Change Request Consultation Report | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-054 | 9.76.4 Change Request Schedule of Change | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-055 | 9.76.5 Change Request: Addendum to Volume 6 Environmental Statement | Natural England provided comment within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A response. |
| CR1-056 | 9.76.5.1 Change Request: Appendix A Saltmarsh Technical Note | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-057 | 9.76.5.2 Change Request Appendix B Geophysical Survey Report | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-058 | 9.76.5.3 Change Request Appendix C Tree Constraints Plans Kent Onshore Scheme | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-059 | 9.76.5.4 Change Request Appendix D Tree Protection Plans Kent Onshore Scheme | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |

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| CR1-060 | 9.76.5.5 Change Request Appendix E Updated Visualisations for Change 2 | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-061 | 9.76.5.6 Change Request Appendix F Change 3 Phase 1 Habitat Survey Results (Redacted) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-062 | 9.76.5.7 Change Request Appendix G Tree Survey Report Schedule Extract Suffolk Onshore Scheme | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-063 | 9.76.5.8 Change Request Appendix H Tree Constraints Plans Suffolk Onshore Scheme | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-064 | 9.76.5.9 Change Request Appendix I Tree Protection Plans Suffolk Onshore Scheme | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-065 | 9.76.5.10 Change Request Appendix J Change 4 Phase 1 Habitat Survey Results | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| CR1-066 | 9.76.5.11 Change Request Appendix K Traffic Flow Diagrams | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| CR1-067 | 9.76.5.12 Change Request Appendix L Tabulated Traffic Flows | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| CR1-068 | 9.76.5.13 Change Request Appendix M Additional Assessment of Proposed Temporary Road Closure | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| Procedural Documents | | |
| PD-014 | Rule 17 - Request for further Information | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| PD-017 | Examining Authority's Written Questions 1 (ExQ1) | Natural England will provide a response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) at Deadline 4. |

Annex 4: Natural England's Response to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 2 Relevant to our Remit

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| REP2-001 | 9.83.3 Deadline 2 Cover Letter | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-002 | 2.4 (B) Special Category and Crown Land Plans Part 2 of 2 Summary of Changes (Version 2, change request) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP2-004 | 6.2.4.5 (C) Part 4 Marine Chapter 5 Marine Ornithology (Tracked) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP2-006 | 6.2.4.6 (C) Part 4 Marine Chapter 6 Marine Archaeology (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-008 | 6.4.4.5 (B) ES Figures Marine Ornithology (Tracked) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP2-010 | 6.6 (D) Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (Tracked) | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. However, some comments are provided within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3 submission. |
| REP2-012 | 9.13 (B) Pegwell Bay Construction Method Technical Note (Tracked) | Natural England will provide a response on this document by Deadline 4. |
| REP2-013 | 9.28 Winter Bird Use of Golden Plover Enhancement Area | Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 4. |
| REP2-015 | 9.34.1 (B) Applicant's Detailed Responses to the Relevant Representations identified by the ExA (Tracked Changes) | As per our Relevant Representation and Deadline 1 cover letters, Natural England will not provide comment on the Applicant's comments on our comments, unless specifically requested to do so. |
| REP2-017 | 9.34.2 (B) Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations from Statutory Consultees and Bodies (Tracked Changes) | As per our Relevant Representation and Deadline 1 cover letters, Natural England will not provide comment on the Applicant's comments on our comments, unless specifically requested to do so. |
| REP2-019 | 9.34.3 (B) Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations from Affected Landowners (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |

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| REP2-021 | 9.34.4 (B) Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations from Other Developers (Tracked Changes) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-023 | 9.34.5 (B) Applicant's Response to Selected Relevant Representation Responses (Tracked Changes) | As per our Relevant Representation and Deadline 1 cover letters, Natural England will not provide comment on the Applicant's comments on our comments, unless specifically requested to do so. |
| REP2-025 | 9.34.6 (B) Applicant's Thematic Responses to Relevant Representations (Tracked Changes) | As per our Relevant Representation and Deadline 1 cover letters, Natural England will not provide comment on the Applicant's comments on our comments, unless specifically requested to do so. |
| REP2-026 | 9.35.1 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Suffolk County Council | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-027 | 9.35.2 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from East Suffolk Council | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-028 | 9.35.3 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Kent County Council | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-029 | 9.35.4 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Thanet District Council | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-030 | 9.35.5 Applicant's Comments on Local Impact Report from Dover District Council | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-031 | 9.69 Applicant's Written Response to Open Floor Hearing 1 | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-032 | 9.71 Applicant's Written Response to Open Floor Hearing 2 | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-033 | 9.77 (C) Application and Examination Document Tracker (Clean) | Natural England has no comments to make on this document. |
| REP2-034 | 9.79 Applicant's Comments on Written Representations | As per our Relevant Representation and Deadline 1 cover letters Natural England will not provide comment on the Applicant's comments on our comments, unless specifically requested to do so. |

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| REP2-035 | 9.80 Integrated Geophysical and Geotechnical Survey Report - Extract | Natural England has provided comment within Appendix E3A of our Deadline 3A submissions. |