

Ward Hadaway LLP on behalf of Northumbrian Water Limited

Dear Sirs

We are instructed by Northumbrian Water Limited (NWL) in relation to the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Sea Link Project (the Project).

On 5 December 2025, the Examining Authority accepted proposed changes made to the Project by the Applicant (Changes) and invited all interest parties to make representations on the Changes and amended the examination timetable to allow for this.

NWL has requested additional details on the Changes in addition to information on the remaining provision within the proposed DCO that may have a serious impact on NWL's assets.

To date, NWL has not received the information requested from the Applicant which means that NWL are not able to carry out an assessment on the impact of the Project on NWL's assets. The requested details are also required by NWL to ensure that any requisite amendments to the draft Asset Protection Agreement and Protective Provisions (draft APA/PP's) prepared by NWL can be sought by NWL and agreed with the Applicant as soon as possible. For reference, NWL are awaiting comments on its draft APA/PP's from the Applicant.

NWL are concerned at the lack of engagement from the Applicant in relation to the information requested and how that may affect NWL's ability to engage with the examination process and how any potential issues may be addressed.

NWL will continue to seek engagement from the Applicant on the Changes and the remaining provision of the DCO to agree any requisite protections to its assets however, we respectfully request the opportunity to make any further representations on the Changes (and related and consequential provisions of the DCO) during the examination period.

Yours faithfully

WARD HADAWAY LLP