



The Planning Act 2008

Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for the Sea Link Project

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1, 27 January 2026

East Suffolk Council's Post-Hearing Submission

Deadline 4 (10 February 2026)

Application: EN020026

East Suffolk Council: [REDACTED]

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing	
Speakers on behalf of East Suffolk Council (ESC):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Westmoreland-Smith KC – Counsel, Francis Taylor Building 	
2. Section 122 and 123 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)	
2.1 The applicant to briefly outline the case for compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP) and whether it meets the tests of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) including whether all reasonable alternatives have been considered; whether the rights to be acquired are reasonably necessary and proportionate and whether there is a compelling case in the public interest for the land to be acquired.	No comment.
2.2 Specific questions regarding, but not limited to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - unregistered land - Suffolk plot: 1/9 - Suffolk plot 1/11, 2/58 and 2/72 - Suffolk plot 1/12 - Suffolk plot 4/7 - Kent plots 2/123 and 2/133. 	No comment.
2.3 The applicant to provide a brief update on the progress of negotiations and deadlines for their conclusion for those parties with outstanding objections.	No comment.
2.4 Affected persons to briefly set out any outstanding concerns that have not already been discussed.	ESC reported that it is in active negotiations with the Applicant, which are being conducted by the respective parties' land agents. Issues have been narrowed since the first issue of the Heads of Terms to ESC. There are, however, a number of issues that remain unresolved. ESC is concerned about and queries the extent of the rights sought as compared to the area of

	<p>land actually required for the development proposed across the plots in question (6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/5, 6/6). For instance, ESC considers that the rights sought reflect the land that would be required for a cut and fill approach to laying the cables, where in fact Horizontal Directional Drilling is instead proposed.</p> <p>Subject to resolving all outstanding issues, ESC considers that agreement ought to be reached with the Applicant in respect of the necessary rights within the Examination timetable.</p>
<p>3. Sections 130, 132 and 135 of the PA2008 – Special category and Crown land</p>	
<p>No comment.</p>	
<p>4. Sections 127 and 138 of the PA2008 and Schedule 15 of the dDCO – Protective Provisions</p>	
<p>No comment.</p>	
<p>5. Funding</p>	
<p>No comment.</p>	
<p>6. The Equality Act 2010</p>	
<p>No comment.</p>	
<p>7. Any other business</p>	
<p>No comment.</p>	
<p>8. Close of Hearing</p>	

No comment.

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