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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 6 Cover Letter

This cover letter has been prepared by National Grid (the Applicant) to accompany their Deadline 6 submission made on 13 April 2026 of the SEA Link DCO Examination.

These submissions are set out in Table 1 below and are made in accordance with the revised Examination Timetable set out at **Annex A** of the **Rule 8(3), rule 9 and rule 17 - Applicant's request for proposed changes to the development consent order application and notice of variation to the examination timetable** dated **5 December 2025 [PD-015]**.

Table 1 below lists the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6.

Table 1: documents submitted at Deadline 6

Doc Ref	Document Title	Rev	Reason for Submission
Volume 2			
2.3 (G)	Land Plans Part 1 of 2	G	Update to reflect plot update from SPR.
2.7 (C)	Access, Rights of Way and Public Rights of Navigation Plans	C	New permissive path added to Suffolk plans.
Volume 3			
3.1 (I)	draft Development Consent Order (Clean and Tracked)	I	Update in alignment with Annex E of Rule 6 [PD-010] .
3.2 (H)	Explanatory Memorandum (Clean and Tracked)	H	Update to reflect changes made to Application Document 3.1 (I) draft Development Consent Order (Clean and Tracked) at Deadline 6.
Volume 4			
4.2 (I)	Statement of Reasons (Clean and Tracked)	I	Update to Statutory Undertaker tables for SPR, Anglian Water and Essex Water.
4.2.1 (G)	Statement of Reasons Appendix A Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession Powers (Clean)	G	Update to reflect plot update from SPR.
4.2.2 (G)	Statement of Reasons Appendix B Schedule of Negotiations with Land Interests (Clean and Tracked)	G	Update to reflect plot update from SPR and update on negotiations.
4.3 (G)	Book of Reference (Clean and Tracked)	G	Update to reflect plot update from SPR and update to Statutory Undertaker tables for SPR, Anglian Water and Essex Water.
Volume 6			
6.2.2.2 (E)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity (Clean and Tracked)	E	Minor updates in response to stakeholder and ExA feedback.
6.2.2.3 (B)	Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 3 Cultural Heritage (Clean and Tracked)	E	Assessment of designated heritage assets has been updated to include additional heritage assets identified through the Examination.

			<p>All information now included in the chapter has been previously submitted as responses to Examiner's Second Written Questions and Issue Specific Hearing 2 Action Points during Examination. No new information is presented in the chapter update that has not been previously provided to PINS.</p> <p>No updates have been made in relation to non-designated archaeological assets. Additional archaeological survey information and associated assessment and mitigation design have been provided separately during Examination. The chapter does not require an update to include this additional information and the conclusions of the chapter in relation to non-designated archaeological assets remain valid.</p>
6.2.3.2 (G)	Part 3 Kent Chapter 2 Ecology and Biodiversity (Clean and Tracked)	G	Update in response to Natural England's Deadline 5 submission with regards to impacts on bats.
6.2.4.1 (G)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 1 Physical Environment (Clean)	G	Update in response to Interested Parties responses to ExQ2 published at Deadline 5 and ongoing discussions internally and with stakeholders.
6.2.4.2 (F)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 2 Benthic Ecology (Clean)	F	Update of Paul Pegwell sediment modelling, addition of NEMO recovery evidence, and update in response to Natural England comments.
6.2.4.4 (I)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 4 Marine Mammals (Clean and Tracked)	I	Update in response to ExA's RIES [PD-022] and comments received at Deadline 5.
6.2.4.5 (D)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 5 Marine Ornithology (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update in response to Natural England's comments and the ExA's ExQ2 [PD-021] .

6.2.4.6 (E)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 6 Marine Archaeology (Clean and Tracked)	E	Update due to the survey corridor for upcoming geophysical surveys (part of the UXO investigations) now extending to the Order Limits at both landfalls rather than to the extent of the clearance corridor as previously stated for Deadline 4.
6.2.4.7 (E)	Part 4 Marine Chapter 7 Shipping and Navigation (Clean and Tracked)	E	Update following comments received in Deadline 5 submissions.
6.3.2.7.A (B)	ES Appendix 2.7.A Transport Assessment Note (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update to incorporate junction capacity modelling.
6.3.4.6.A (E)	ES Appendix 4.6.A Marine Archaeological Technical Report (Clean and Tracked)	E	Update due to the survey corridor for upcoming geophysical surveys (part of the UXO investigations) now extending to the Order Limits at both landfalls rather than to the extent of the clearance corridor as previously stated for Deadline 4.
6.3.4.7.A (E)	ES Appendix 4.7.A Navigational Risk Assessment (Clean and Tracked)	E	Update following comments received in Deadline 5 submissions.
6.4.4.1 (E)	ES Figures Marine Physical Environment (Clean)	E	Update to several figures.
6.4.4.7.A (C)	ES Figures Marine Navigational Risk Assessment Part 1 of 2 (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update following comments received in Deadline 5 submissions.
6.4.4.7.A (B)	ES Figures Marine Navigational Risk Assessment Part 2 of 2 (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update following comments received in Deadline 5 submissions.
6.6 (H)	Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (Clean and Tracked)	H	Update in response to Natural England's comments.
6.8 (B)	Flood Risk Assessment (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update to incorporate feedback from Environment Agency's response to 2WE5 in REP5-192 .

6.11 (E)	Marine Conservation Zone Assessment (Clean and Tracked)	E	Update to address specific comments by NE and MCZ assessment.
Volume 7			
7.1 (D)	Planning Statement (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update to reflect updated Application Document 6.2.2.3 (B) Part 2 Suffolk Chapter 3 Cultural Heritage (Clean and Tracked).
7.4 (F)	Statement of Commonality (Clean and Tracked)	F	Update to reflect submission of Application Document 9.142 Draft Statement of Common Ground Aldeburgh Golf Club.
7.5.1.1 (E)	Outline Construction Traffic Management and Travel Plan - Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	E	Update to address comments received through continued engagement with Suffolk County Council.
7.5.1.2 (B)	Outline Construction Traffic Management and Travel Plan - Kent (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update following further engagement with Kent County Council highways on the junction modelling.
7.5.2 (D)	Outline Offshore Construction Environmental Management Plan (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update reflects outcome of ongoing discussions with stakeholders as well as responses to ExQ2s for what commitments need to be in place, tweaks to wording of existing commitments and where commitments need to be secured in preparation for post-consent.
7.5.3 (D)	Outline Onshore Construction Environmental Management Plan (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update reflects amendments to commitments or new commitments added in response to Deadline 5 submissions.
7.5.6.1 (E)	Outline Air Quality Management Plan - Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	E	Updated to include two new monitoring locations in respond to SCC comments.
7.5.7.1 (D)	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan - Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update in response to ExQ2 [PD-021].
7.5.7.2 (D)	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management	D	Update in response to ExQ2 [PD-021].

	Plan - Kent (Clean and Tracked)		
7.5.8.1 (C)	Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan - Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update in response to stakeholder feedback.
7.5.8.2 (C)	Outline Construction Noise and Vibration Management Plan - Kent (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update in response to stakeholder feedback.
7.5.9.1 (B)	Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan - Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update to include commitment to the permissive access routes at Saxmundham, and the approved versions of commitments requested by Suffolk County Council in REP2-062 .
7.5.9.2 (B)	Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan - Kent (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update to reflect relevant updates to the equivalent Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan in Suffolk.
7.5.10.1 (B)	Outline Soil Management Plan – Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update following queries regarding aftercare period and to fully reference survey data.
7.5.10.2 (B)	Outline Soil Management Plan – Kent (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update following queries regarding aftercare period and to fully reference survey data.
7.5.11 (D)	Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Plan (Clean)	D	Minor changes to reference plans finalisation.
7.8 (C)	Red Throated Diver Protocol (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update following engagement with Natural England around additional mitigation.
7.12.1 (C)	Design Principles - Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update to reflect change to Requirement 3 and resultant change in status of Table 3.1.
7.12.2 (C)	Design Principles - Kent (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update to reflect change to Requirement 3 and resultant change in status of Table 3.1.
Volume 9			
9.7 (G)	Applicant's Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order (Clean and Tracked)	G	Update to reflect changes made to Application Document 3.1 (I) draft Development Consent Order (Clean and Tracked) at Deadline 6.

9.12 (C)	Outline Navigation and Installation Plan (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update following engagement with MCA.
9.13 (D)	Pegwell Bay Construction Method Technical Note (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update in response to Action Points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on environmental issues held on Wednesday 25 March to Friday 27 March 2026 [EV9-018].
9.16 (G)	Lands Rights Tracker	G	Update to reflect plot update from SPR and update on negotiations. We have replaced the unknown interests tab with more specific details to show all the steps taken to try and identify the owners. An update of the original tab would have resulted in too many changes to make it clear.
9.31 (B)	Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) Survey Results – Kent (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update to correct small error relating to temporary land.
9.32	Minster Converter Station Ground Conditions and Water Management – Technical Note	A	New document to respond to comments made by stakeholders on this topic and following commitment made at ISH2 hearing.
9.33	Operational Noise Levels - Technical Note	A	Applicant's updated position following engagement with Councils on noise levels.
9.38.7	Deadline 6 Cover Letter	A	This document.
9.75 (D)	Status of Negotiations with Statutory Undertakers and Protective Provisions (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update to address Action Point 30 from Action Points arising from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) held on Wednesday 25 March 2026 [EV8-006] , requesting an update on negotiation of protective provisions and to ensure that the SU land plots remain consistent with those shown in the BoR and SoR.

9.77 (H)	Application and Examination Document Tracker	H	Update to reflect Deadline 6 submission.
9.84 (D)	Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC) (Clean and Tracked)	D	Update reflects amendments to commitments or new commitments added in response to Deadline 5 submissions.
9.92 (C)	Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update to reflect outcomes of ongoing discussions internally and with stakeholders as well as other responses to ExQ2s for what commitments need to be in place, language tweaks to existing commitments and where all of these need to be housed in preparation for post-consent.
9.96 (C)	Water Depth Baseline Study – Shipping and Navigation Technical Note (Clean and Tracked)	C	Update following comments received in Deadline 5 submissions.
9.101 (B)	Kent Onshore Scheme – Fluvial Flooding from the River Stour Technical Note (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update in agreement with Environment Agency.
9.104 (B)	Areas of Safeguarded Water Depth Plan (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update following comments received in Deadline 5 submissions.
9.105 (B)	Supplement to the Preliminary Cumulative Highway Impact Assessment in Suffolk (Clean and Tracked)	B	Update in response question 3TT1 from ExA's ExQ3 [PD-023] .
9.110	Inter-Project Cumulative Effects Assessment Update - Technical Note	A	Updated long and short list for terrestrial and marine. Now to include 'Sea Link Cumulative Effects with Richborough' as an appendix.
9.120	Detailed Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan	A	New document in alignment to commitment made in Applicant's Deadline 4 responses.
9.123.1 (B)	Applicant's Responses to Second Written Questions	B	Update to include cumulative assessment of operational

	- Appendices (Clean and Tracked)		generator emissions in Appendix B.
9.131	Applicant's Comments on Responses to Second Written Questions	A	Comments by the Applicant on Interested Parties responses to ExA's ExQ2 [PD-021].
9.132	Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2	A	Written Summary of Oral Submissions made by the Applicant at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2.
9.133	Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 3	A	Written Summary of Oral Submissions made by the Applicant at Issue Specific Hearing 3.
9.134	Applicant's Comments on Other Submissions Received at Deadline 4 and Deadline 5	A	Comments by the Applicant on submissions received at Deadline 4 and 5.
9.135	Applicant's Response to March Hearing (CAH2 and ISH3) Action Points	A	Applicant' Response to ExA's Action Points arising from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2) held on Wednesday 25 March 2026 [EV8-006] and ExA's Action Points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on environmental issues held on Wednesday 25 March to Friday 27 March 2026 [EV9-018] .
9.136	Applicant's Responses to Third Written Questions	A	Applicant's Response to ExA's ExQ3 [PD-023] .
9.136.1	Applicant's Responses to Third Written Questions - Appendices	A	Appendices for Application Document 9.136 Applicant's Responses to Third Written Questions .
9.137	Applicant's Response to Legal Submissions from Objector Groups - SEAS [AS-038, REP2-113, REP5-146], Kent Wildlife Trust [AS-077, REP1-152, REP2-054, REP3A-023], CPRE Kent [REP1-148], and Save Minster Marshes	A	New document providing a formal rebuttal to the legal points raised by Save Minster Marshes, SEAS and KWT in one document.

	[REP1-246, REP3A-171, REP5-167]		
9.138	Applicant's Written Response to Open Floor Hearing 3	A	Written Response by the Applicant to representations made by Interested Parties at Open Floor Hearing 3.
9.139	Applicant's Responses to the Questions in the Report on the Implications for European Sites	A	Applicant's Responses to ExA's Questions from Report on the Implications to European Sites [PD-022] .
9.140	Outline In Principal Monitoring Plan	A	New document requested by Natural England.
9.141	Intra Project Cumulative Effect Significance - Technical Note	A	New document to expand upon response to AP111 [EV6-033].
9.142	Draft Statement of Common Ground Aldeburgh Golf Club	A	Update requested during March hearings.
9.143	Pegwell Bay Saltmarsh Limits Topographic Survey March 2026	A	New document to publish Pegwell Bay Saltmarsh Limits Topographic survey results.
9.144	Additional Sediment Dispersion Modelling - Technical Note	A	New document containing results of additional modelling conducted to address Environment Agency and Natural England comments.
9.146	Applicant's Response to Relevant Representation Response - Statkraft UK Limited [RR-5075]	A	Applicant's response to Statkraft relevant representation following ExA raising that standalone landowner response was required.
9.147	Outline Operational Lighting Management Plan	A	New document in response to request 3LVIA2 in ExQ3 [PD-023] .
9.148	Hoverport Construction Access Noise Modelling - Technical Note	A	New document in response to ISH3 AP56 from ExA's Action Points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on environmental issues held on Wednesday 25 March to Friday 27 March 2026 [EV9-018] .

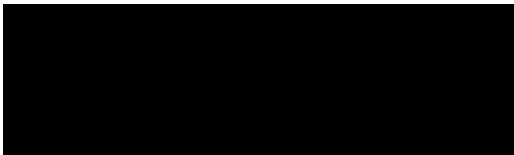
All updated documents are labelled as Revision (B), Revision (C) etc as applicable, and supersede the documents previously submitted by the Applicant.

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 (H)**) has been updated to reflect the above submissions.

Conclusion

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

Yours sincerely,



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