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Dear Inspectors,

**Comments on the Examining Authority's schedule of changes to the draft development consent order (dDCO) (Issued 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026)**

**PINS Ref: EN020026 – Sea Link**

**Application by National Grid Electricity Transmission for an Order Granting Development Consent for Sea Link**

Dover District Council (DDC) has reviewed the Examining Authority's (ExA) schedule of changes to the draft development consent order (dDCO), noting any comments are required by Deadline 7 (29<sup>th</sup> April 2026).

The Council is supportive of the ExA's recommended amendments to the dDCO and the reasoning supporting them, providing further clarity in the requirements of the dDCO. Having followed discussions held over the last three issue specific hearings, the Council is particularly supportive of the recommended changes to restrict piling, delivery and construction hours on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, as well as the suggested increase in time in relation to the decision periods within the dDCO articles from 35 days to 56 days, which will enable greater consideration of consultee responses where required before discharging requirements.

The Council is also pleased to see the inclusion (made within the Applicants' submission at deadline 6 and detailed further in the ExA's recommended amendments) for consultation with DDC to be included on the details of the design, scale, layout and external appearance of the works as set out in Schedule 3, Requirement 3(1). The Council considers the recommended amendments and inclusion of review by a design review panel will help ensure a high quality finish to the structures which is appropriate to the location, surroundings and functional requirements.

I hope these responses adequately identify DDC's current position in respect of these matters and assist the Examination accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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