

## SEALINK – SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES (REF. ExA RULE LETTER 17)

From IAIN BROWN (Ref.No. [REDACTED]) 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026

As I referenced in my written evidence at Deadline 6, this underhand and last minute attempt to impose a yet to be launched DESNZ in place of the Local authorities , ESC, SCC, KCC , is a shameless attempt at gross manipulation of the Examining Process by NGET. In AS-167, NGET is seeking to shift post-consent DCO decision-making to an imaginary DESNZ unit that does not yet exist and has no defined powers, procedures or safeguards. It is unconscionable to attempt to destabilise an ongoing and exhaustive diligence process with such a crass proposal.

With the examining process drawing to a conclusion, this proposal of AS-167 is especially suspect as many of the points made by ExA in Rule 17 Letter of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026, significantly refer to changes ExA have suggested to the draft DCO at deadline 6 and are crucially about providing Local Authorities with fairer consultation, more say and more time to deal with change requests. So NGET's proposals appear designed to avoid the very scrutiny that ExA has requested. It potentially opens the door for NGET to just forge ahead unchecked! It is like allowing NGET to mark its own Exam Papers. And DESNZ will be wholly unaccountable and the affected communities entirely ignored. This would be a blatant disregard of our Communities Rights.

Yet again NGET exhibits extreme bad faith when it comes to dealing with Local communities and constituencies that hold their failings and ill-preparedness up to examination. This is wholly undemocratic behaviour and totally unacceptable. It would set a terrible precedent for the future and AS-167 must be removed entirely.

Sincerely,

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