

Dear Planning Inspectorate

We are writing on behalf of our client Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Projco Limited (Registered Interested Party Reference [REDACTED]). We write in response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 request dated 14 July 2026. In particular, this response relates to Question 1.7 in Annex A of that Rule 17 which seeks confirmation from statutory undertakers on their preferred protective provisions.

At Deadline 6 Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Projco Limited (SSDEPL) submitted information to the Examining Authority (REP6-163). This included at pages 4 onwards a set of SSDEPL's preferred protective provisions for the Examining Authority to consider.

Since Deadline 6, SSDEPL and the Applicant have been in further discussion regarding protective provisions. The Applicant has provided an updated set of protective provisions for SSDEPL to consider and SSDEPL have agreed to some of the Applicant's drafting changes so the number of 'not agreed' points has reduced from that Deadline 6 submission. However, at this stage, the parties are not yet agreed on a final set of protective provisions to be included within the draft DCO.

The key areas of disagreement which remain are that suitable protection on the following matters have not yet been set out to SSDEPL's satisfaction:

- Protection of the rights SSDEPL currently holds in land from being extinguished;
- Ability for SSDEPL to acquire the land rights it needs to deliver its project without being prevented from doing so; and
- Protection for SSDEPL from displacement when SSDEPL is in occupation or temporary possession of land.

SSDEPL will continue to work with the Applicant with a view to reaching an agreed position. A meeting to further discuss the position has been arranged for 22 July 2026 and SSDEPL hopes to continue making positive progress with the Applicant in advance of Deadline 8. If an agreed position cannot be reached, a preferred set of provisions for our client, noting the remaining areas of disagreement with the Applicant, will be submitted at Deadline 8.