

## **ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT – Town Council Meeting, 12 May 2025**

Whilst other projects are not being ignored, it is vital that Sea Link takes precedence until the Relevant Representation is prepared for council approval. Members of the Fromus Energy Project Team are currently scouring the documents to identify issues that need review by the Examiners.

The **Relevant Representation** should not be a lengthy document but clearly state the issue that requires examining and why.

An example is the **Public Right of Way** across the Converter site that is being diverted. Instead of the route traversing the fields, it will be re-routed adjacent to the Saxmundham to Leiston road. Not only is it **considerably longer**, it will be most **unattractive** with heras fencing, therefore the **visual amenity** will be lost.

There are four proposed site compound, one of which is only at the nearest points only 200 metres from one dwelling on Manor Gardens. Residents will suffer from **noise, light and dust pollution** aggravated by proposed seven day a week working that will increase stress and affect their **Health and Wellbeing** – thus, in this scenario, residents will be subjected to **intra-project cumulative effects**.

### **SEA LINK:**

The Planning Inspectorate issued a notification that they had accepted the application for examination for an order granting development consent on 23 April 2025. National Grid now has six weeks from the 23 April 2025 to make arrangements to allow people to register as an Interested Party (IP) and submit their Relevant Representation (RR). Once this window is open, there are just 30 days to act. (At the time of writing, 1 May 2025, we have not received a notification that National Grid Electricity Transmission is ready to receive the RRs.)

The link below will take you to the Sea Link Planning Inspectorate website:

[Documents | Sea Link \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

You will note that there are already a huge number of documents! This will increase as the examination proceeds. I would advise everyone to register as an IP and submit a RR and to help you navigate the plethora of paperwork I've attached some Planning Inspectorate Sea Link web-links to help:

The link below navigates to the Examination Library. You will find a full list of the documents (starting on page 3) with the Planning Inspectorate's unique number. These numbers are hyper-linked and will take you to the document.

[EN020026-000502-Sea Link Examination Library PDF.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

**The following documents may be of interest to you (in no particular order):**

[EN020026-000226-6.1 Environmental Statement Non Technical Summary.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk). This is the summary document that also includes the reference numbers of the issue specific documents, i.e. traffic, socio economic, ecology, etc.

[EN020026-000207-7.5.3.2 CEMP Appendix B Register of Environmental Actions and Commitments \(REAC\).pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) This document states the mitigations that NGET will do.

[5.1.6 Appendix E Statutory Consultation Part 4 of 4 \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) See pp. 510-538 if searching the pdf document, otherwise it is: Table 1.14 Saxmundham Town Council, pp.160-188. This is the response to the statutory consultation with responses from NGET.

[5.1.7 Appendix F Targeted Consultation Part 2 of 2 \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) See pp. 412-422 if searching in the pdf document, otherwise it is: Table 1.19 Saxmundham Town Council, pp. 117-127. You will find responses to the targeted statutory consultation with responses from NGET.

[EN020026-000179-7.4.8 Draft Statement of Common Ground East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) Common Ground document, where you will find the responses from Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council.

[Document 7.11.1 Design Approach Document - Suffolk \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) . This is a lengthy illustrative document with design concepts.

[2.14.1 Indicative General Arrangements Plans - Suffolk \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) Site plans

[EN020026-000292-6.3.2.3.C ES Appendix 2.3.C Site Photos.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#) Site photos

If you have questions please email me and I will endeavour to answer them.

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