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Environmental statement guide

The Environmental statement for Sea Link is a comprehensive study of the environment within and around the proposals area. This includes 270 separate documents covering Kent, Suffolk and the marine environment. The below table includes some of the key topics we expect to be of interest. If you require further assistance finding the information you need, contact us at contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com or by calling [0808 134 9569](tel:08081349569).

Topic	Environmental statement (ES) – part	Chapter number and document link	Chapter title	Page number(s) (where applicable)
Environmental constraint plans	ES – non-technical summary	Chapter 1	Introduction	Suffolk - page 5 Kent - page 6 Offshore - page 7
Overview of the environmental impact assessment process	ES – non-technical summary	Chapter 4	EIA approach and methodology	Pages 27-30
Alternative options considered for Sea Link and why this option was chosen	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 3	Main alternatives considered	N/A
Technology types, sizes and dimensions	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Cable technology pages - 8, 9, 14, 22 Offshore - page 24

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Summary of Kent overhead line works	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Page 17
CGIs of proposed converter stations	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Suffolk page 10 Kent page 20
Outline of proposals for converter/substations	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Suffolk pages 5, 7, 11 Kent pages 19-20
Size and scale of River Fromus access bridge	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Page 12
Indicative construction programme	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Page 27
Construction working hours	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Page 28
Building haul roads	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Pages 33-34
Summary of construction methods	ES part 1 – introduction	Chapter 4	Description of the proposed Project	Pages 26-76
Flood risk and mitigation	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 4	Water Environment	Page 34
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 4	Water Environment	Page 32
	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 7	Traffic and Transport	Page 69

Topic	Environmental statement (ES) – part	Chapter number and document link	Chapter title	Page number(s) (where applicable)
Heavy goods vehicles movements	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 7	Traffic and Transport	Page 65
Impact on air quality	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 8	Air Quality	Page 45
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 8	Air Quality	Page 49
Construction noise	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 9	Noise and Vibration	Pages 30-38
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 9	Noise and Vibration	Pages 30-35
Construction vibration	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 9	Noise and Vibration	Pages 39-41
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 9	Noise and Vibration	Pages 36–38
Operational noise and vibration	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 9	Noise and Vibration	Pages 41-42
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 9	Noise and Vibration	Page 38
Accommodation for workers	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 10	Socio-Economics, Recreation and Tourism	Pages 42 & 43
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 10	Socio-Economics, Recreation and Tourism	Page 42
Impact on tourism	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 10	Socio-Economics, Recreation and Tourism	Page 45-46
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 10	Socio-Economics, Recreation and Tourism	Page 40-41

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Study areas for each topic (or chapter) within the Environmental statement	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 13	Suffolk Onshore Scheme Inter-Project Cumulative Effects	Pages 2-4
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 13	Kent Onshore Scheme Inter-Project Cumulative Effects	Pages 2-4
Complete list of other projects considered for the cumulative impacts assessment	ES Part 2 – Suffolk	Chapter 13	Suffolk Onshore Scheme Inter-Project Cumulative Effects	Pages 5-10
	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 13	Kent Onshore Scheme Inter-Project Cumulative Effects	Pages 5-11
Risk of bird strike	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 2	Ecology and Biodiversity	Pages 87-89
Loss of functionally linked habitat / the golden plover	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 2	Ecology and Biodiversity	Pages 89-93
Managing agriculture and soils	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 6 Also see Outline soil management plan (Kent)	Agriculture and Soils	N/A
Impact on traffic	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 7	Traffic and Transport	Page 93
Number of vehicle movements	ES Part 3 – Kent	Chapter 7	Traffic and Transport	Pages 65-73

Full application guide

We have prepared a full suite of other documents as part of our application for development consent for Sea Link. The below table includes some of the key topics we expect to be of interest. If you require further assistance finding the information you need, contact us at contact@sealink.nationalgrid.com or by calling [0808 134 9569](tel:08081349569).

Topic	Document title(s)	Suffolk	Kent	Offshore
Delivering biodiversity net gain	Biodiversity net gain feasibility report	Pages 36-49	Pages 50-57	N/A
Full list of actions proposed to minimise impact of the project	Register of environmental actions and commitments	Pages 40-53	Pages 55-64	Pages 56-65
Roles and responsibilities for managing the environmental mitigations	Outline onshore construction environmental management plan	Pages 13-16	Pages 13-16	Outline offshore construction environmental management plan
Project boundary (order limit) plans	Application document 2.5 Work Plans	Work plans Suffolk	Work plans Kent	Work plans offshore
Design principles for converter and substations	Design principles Suffolk Design principles Kent	Converter pp. 25-34 Substation pp. 35-37	Converter pp. 29-37 Substation pp. 38-41	N/A
Construction traffic routes	Outline construction traffic and management and travel plan	For Suffolk see page 21 Suffolk onshore scheme traffic routes during	For Kent see page 24 Kent onshore scheme traffic routes during	N/A

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		construction and operation - 6.4.2.7	construction and operation - 6.4.1.4.8	
Changes to Public Rights of Way	Outline public rights of way management plan	PRoW management plan for Suffolk	PRoW management plan for Kent	N/A
Coordination with other projects	Coordination document	Also see Appendix A NGV coordination Suffolk masterplan	N/A	N/A
Electric and Magnetic field (EMFs)	Electric and Magnetic Field Compliance Report	Pages 27 - 31	Pages 27 - 31	N/A
Project-wide topic	Document title(s)			
Consultations and feedback	Consultation report			
Project background – site selection and earlier decision making	Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Substation Siting study (CPRSS) Options Selection and Design Evolution Report (October 2023)			
Project costs	Strategic options back check report – page 65			
The need for Sea Link	Strategic options back check report			