

LIONLINK

SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED)

REGULATION 4 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

REGULATION 13 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (“DCO”)

Notice is hereby given that National Grid Lion Link Limited (“NGLLL”) (the “Applicant”) of 1-3 Strand, London, United Kingdom, WC2N 5EH, intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the “Act”) for a DCO (the “Application”).

LionLink (the “Project”) comprises a new subsea electricity cable (known as an interconnector) between the UK and the Netherlands. This subsea cable will have the capacity to deliver up to 2 gigawatts of electricity, which will be vital in supporting greater energy security and delivering more affordable energy for LionLink consumers. LionLink will bring offshore wind energy to the UK by connecting to a Dutch offshore wind farm, whilst also enabling the flow of energy between the UK and Dutch electricity systems.

The Great Britain (“GB”) elements of the Project comprise the proposed onshore infrastructure in England, and the proposed offshore infrastructure within UK territorial waters, up to the UK Exclusive Economic Zone (“EEZ”) boundary at sea. These GB elements are referred to as the “Proposed Scheme” and comprise:

- A connection to Kiln Lane Substation, located north of Friston. Kiln Lane Substation already has development consent as part of other third-party DCOs. However, the existing consent does not include sufficient connection capacity for the Proposed Scheme and therefore consent will be sought for amendments to Kiln Lane Substation. To account for the unlikely scenario that the Kiln Lane Substation is not delivered by the existing consents, the Applicant will also seek to consent delivery of the Kiln Lane Substation in its entirety, as an alternate consenting scenario;
- Proposed Underground High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cables (of up to 2.2km in length) between the Kiln Lane Substation and the proposed Converter Station;
- Proposed Converter Station (containing buildings up to 26m in height, excluding external infrastructure and potential architectural treatments) located east of Saxmundham and south of the B1119 Saxmundham Road;
- Proposed Underground High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables (approximately 20km in length) between the proposed Converter Station and Landfall;
- Landfall at Walberswick; and
- Proposed Offshore HVDC cables (up to 182km in length) from the Landfall at Walberswick to the edge of the UK EEZ.

The Proposed Scheme would also involve diversions of third-party assets, drainage, environmental mitigation, and permanent access roads (where they have not already been delivered by other developers). In the scenario that the Kiln Lane Substation is delivered as part of the Proposed Scheme, modifications to existing overhead line infrastructure would be required.

The construction phase will involve a range of temporary activities including working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, storage, bellmouths, access roads, haul roads, watercourse crossings and diversions of public rights of way.

The Application will seek powers for the Applicant to construct, operate, maintain and decommission the Proposed Scheme. It will also cover:

- The temporary and permanent compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights which are required for the Proposed Scheme;
- Overriding easements and other rights over or affecting the land for the Proposed Scheme;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Proposed Scheme; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits and consents as are necessary and convenient, including Deemed Marine Licences.

On Tuesday, 23 August 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under Section 35 of the Act that the Proposed Scheme should be treated as a development for which development consent is required.

The Applicant is consulting on the Proposed Scheme as part of this statutory consultation.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Applicant has notified the Secretary of State in writing under Regulation 8(1)(b) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the “EIA Regulations”) that they intend to provide an Environmental Statement (“ES”) in respect of the Proposed Scheme. The Proposed Scheme is therefore an “EIA development” for the purposes of the EIA Regulations and an ES will form part of the Application. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (“PEIR”) and associated PEIR Non-Technical Summary (“PEIR NTS”) contain the information compiled so far about the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Scheme.

Consultation documents

Consultation regarding the Proposed Scheme will take place from **Tuesday, 13 January 2026, to Tuesday, 10 March 2026**.

The consultation documents, including the PEIR, PEIR NTS and plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Scheme are available for inspection free of charge on the project website from **9am on Tuesday, 13 January 2026 until Tuesday, 10 March 2026**:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/lionlink/library>. The consultation documents are available under the ‘Library’ tab on the project website.

The Applicant is holding a combination of in-person exhibition events and online webinars, the details of which are provided below:

Exhibition events

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 24 January 2026	11am - 4pm	The Fromus Centre, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL
Saturday 31 January 2026	11am - 4pm	Walberswick Village Hall, The Street, Southwold, IP18 6TZ
Friday 06 February 2026	2pm - 7pm	High Lodge Leisure, Haw Wood, Hinton, Nr Darsham, Suffolk, IP17 3QT
Saturday 21 February 2026	11am - 4pm	Westleton Village Hall, The Street, Westleton, Saxmundham, IP17 3AD
Saturday 28 February 2026	11am - 4pm	Yoxford Village Hall, Old High Road, Yoxford, IP17 3HN

Webinars

Webinar	Date	Time
Public Webinar 1	Wednesday 4 February 2026	6pm-7.30pm
Public Webinar 2	Tuesday 3 March 2026	6pm-7.30pm

Stakeholders can register to attend the public webinars on the project website: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/lionlink/about>.

Copies of consultation documents including the PEIR and plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Scheme will be available for inspection free of charge at our consultation exhibition events where you will be able to speak with the project team and share your views. Fees will not be charged for reasonable requests to print hard copies of consultation documents (including plans or maps), with the exception of those relating to the full PEIR. Due to the scale of the full PEIR, a cost of £0.37p per page will be charged to cover the printing and postage of a hard copy.

Reference copies of certain consultation documents (including the PEIR NTS and key drawings showing the nature and location of the Proposed Scheme) will also be available for inspection free of charge from **Tuesday, 13 January 2026 until Tuesday, 10 March 2026**, at the deposit locations and times listed below:

Deposit location	Address	Opening hours
Saxmundham Town Council	The Town House, Station Approach, Saxmundham, IP17 1BW	Monday: 9am - 4pm Tuesday: 9am - 4pm Wednesday: 9am - 4pm Thursday: 9am - 4pm Friday: 9am - 4pm Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
Southwold Library	Old Hospital Hub, Field Stile Road, Southwold, IP18 6LD	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Wednesday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Thursday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Friday: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Sunday: 11am - 4pm
Leiston Library	Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ER	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9:30am - 7:30pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9:30am - 5:30pm Friday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Saturday: 9:30am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm Sunday: 10am - 3pm
Saxmundham Library	Block B, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1AL	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9.30am - 5.30pm Wednesday: 9.30am - 5.30pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9.30am - 5.30pm Saturday: 10am - 1pm Sunday: 10am - 3pm
Halesworth Library	Bridge Street, Halesworth, IP19 8AD	Monday: 9am - 1pm Tuesday: 9am - 5pm Wednesday: 9am - 5pm Thursday: Closed Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 5pm Sunday: 10am - 3pm

Responding to this notice

If you wish to respond to this notice or make comments or representation in respect of the Proposed Scheme, these should be sent to the Applicant. Please include your name and postal address or email address where any correspondence relating to the Proposed Scheme can be sent. Comments and representations may be submitted in the following ways:

Method	Contact details
Completing the feedback form online via the project website	https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/lionlink/about
Providing feedback by email	info@lionlink.nationalgrid.com
Completing a paper copy of the feedback form and returning by post, or sending a letter by post* <i>*A paper copy of the feedback form and Freepost envelope will be available at the deposit locations and exhibition events.</i>	Freepost NGV LionLink** <i>**No stamp required</i>

All responses to the consultation must be received before 23:59 on **10 March 2026**. Postal responses will be accepted if they are received by **16 March 2026**.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application, once the consultation has closed. Responses will be summarised in a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation, the consultation documents, plans and maps or the Proposed Scheme, please contact the Applicant via one of the contact methods outlined in the table above. Alternatively, please contact the Applicant on the following freephone telephone number (between 9am – 5:30pm weekdays): 0800 083 1787.

Personal data will be handled by the Applicant and its consultants, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation 2021 and will not be disclosed to third parties.