

Our commitments to you

October 2026

We are committed to protecting the local environment and to limiting the impact of our work on local communities and businesses.

During the recent Examination of our plans to build Sea Link, we heard your views on issues including the environment, traffic and local businesses. **We listened.** Our plans already included a wide range of measures to manage these issues, and through the Examination we've gone further, agreeing new binding commitments and strengthening the ones we already had.

Here's what that means on the ground.



Protecting Pegwell Bay and Kent's wildlife

We've worked closely with you, Natural England, and the Environment Agency to shape these commitments. To protect the environment in Kent, we will:

- **restrict noise during the breeding bird season** at Sandwich Bay and Hacklinge Marshes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). An ornithologist will check for active nests before any noisy work goes ahead, and work will only take place if no active nests of qualifying birds are found
- **avoid the Pegwell Bay saltmarsh habitat** by keeping vehicles and pedestrians off it. All access to Pegwell Bay will be via the former hoverport, using low-pressure vehicles only
- **protect the River Stour channel** and monitor it for five years after we've installed our cables. If the channel moves too close to the cables, we'll put it right, with no sheet piling or dredging allowed.

Keeping traffic under control

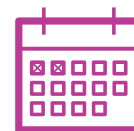


We've limited HGV movements at Marsh Farm Road access to no more than 10 a day.

Through Minster, HGVs will travel in one direction at a time, and that direction may change through the day. We've planned the lowest impact routes to reach our construction areas, and we'll fit GPS tracking to every vehicle so drivers stick to them.

In exceptional circumstances we may need to lift these restrictions. If that happens, we'll tell you, and a cap of 30 HGV movements could apply.

Working hours



- there will be no HGV movements or percussive piling on Sundays or bank holidays
- there will be no construction work at the converter station or substation on bank holidays
- if we need to work elsewhere on a bank holiday Monday, we won't work on the Saturday or Sunday before it.

We won't work every weekend at every location. We'll give you advance notice of weekend working on our website.

A freephone number will be open throughout construction. We'll record and fully investigate any concerns.



Supporting local businesses

We want local businesses to benefit from Sea Link. During construction, we'll let local businesses know in advance about noisy activities, busy traffic periods and key construction dates.

We'll give our workers vouchers to eat out locally, supporting nearby restaurants and cafes.

We'll advertise opportunities for local businesses and hold 'Meet the Buyer' events with our main works contractors.

Prioritising your journeys, not construction traffic

We'll keep Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) open wherever possible, and keep any closures as short as we can. Where we need a diversion, we'll signpost it clearly and explain it to users.

Where our haul road crosses PRoWs, we'll install crossing gates for safety. These will stay open for people using the path, unless a vehicle is crossing.



These are binding commitments. We've built them into our construction plans based on your feedback.

We're expecting the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to decide whether to grant planning consent for Sea Link in October 2026.

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