

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.



Managing construction traffic on local roads

We've capped Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements at the A1094/B1122 Aldeburgh junction to just 10 per day. A similar cap of 10 HGV movements per day will apply at the B1121 Main Road/B1119 Church Street junction.

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.

We won't divert any HGVs through Saxmundham during any closure of the B1121 at Benhall Railway Bridge, keeping construction lorries away from the town centre.

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.

Revised working hours at Kiln Lane substation



We've limited our working hours at the Kiln Lane substation to 7am – 7pm, Monday to Friday and 7am – 1pm on Saturdays, to match Scottish Power Renewables' working hours.



Benhall Railway Bridge

We've committed to repairing Benhall Railway Bridge at no cost to the public, if surveys show this is needed.

By acting now to repair the bridge, we can prevent further deterioration and deliver a better long-term outcome for the community. If we need to temporarily close Benhall Railway Bridge, we'll provide a shuttle bus or taxi service to ensure residents of Whitearch Park can continue to access the local area.



Restricted parking in sensitive locations

Only one project vehicle will use Thorpe Road car park at a time, except in emergencies.



Prioritising your journeys, not construction traffic

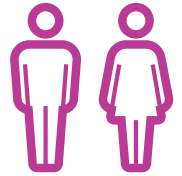


We'll keep Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) open wherever possible,

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 a PRoW, we'll install crossing gates for safety. These will stay open for people using the path, unless a vehicle is crossing.

As well as protecting existing routes during construction, **we'll create a new 1.2 km permissive path from the B1121 to the Saxmundham converter station site**, crossing the Fromus Valley. This new route will support East Suffolk Council's plan for the South Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhood and will be accessible to walkers and mobility scooter users.

Safeguarding tourism



A maximum of 18 workers will stay in overnight accommodation within 15 km of Aldeburgh on any given night during construction. These workers would mostly be individuals or small groups, such as ecologists, undertaking surveys.

We don't expect to reach this limit consistently and we'll endeavour to keep stays within 15 km of Aldeburgh to a minimum.

We'll book accommodation directly with specialist providers, not through third-party sites, to avoid pushing up prices for visitors. **We'll give our workers vouchers to eat out locally, supporting nearby restaurants and cafes.**

We'll work with East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council, and local tourism bodies throughout construction.

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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