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Dear National Grid Ventures,

Suffolk County Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to NGV's Targeted Consultation which has been issued in response to comments made by statutory consultees at Statutory Consultation in early 2026. The Council's response to this consultation is attached with this letter as a separate document.

The Council remains deeply concerned regarding the continued preference by the Applicant for LionLink to make landfall at a site in Walberswick, due to area being highly constrained with respect to access and the potential for considerable impacts of construction on residents to facilitate the long cable route from the sea to landfall then onto to the converter station site.

Dunwich / Minsmere Wildfire

I am sure you are aware of the devastating wildfire at Dunwich and Minsmere, which is still active at time of writing. The wildfire has destroyed over 100 hectares of valuable heathland, woodland and grassland which provided refuge and foraging opportunities to a wide range of species. This, in turn, has had a knock-on effect of displacing valuable wildlife in that area which needs to be considered.

Given the significant damage which has occurred to this important landscape and potential interrelationships with the scheme, the Council considers it essential that the Applicant reflects the wildfire and its implications in their environmental assessments and in further development of their proposals. This includes reviewing baseline assessments already drafted in relation to the LionLink proposals against the ecological impacts of the wildfire and to consider the implications of these impacts on the scheme, including the assessment and mitigation of the construction impacts on the local ecology.

The Council requests for this matter to be included in its ongoing engagement with the NGV.

Yours sincerely,

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Suffolk County Council