The BritNed interconnector is a 260km HVDC cable, which crosses the Outer Thames Estuary and Southern North Sea with landfalls at the Isle of Grain in the UK and at Maasvlakte in the Netherlands. As well as its importance to the transmission systems of both The Netherlands and the UK the BritNed Interconnector is a significant link in the development of a European transmission grid to meet industrial and consumer demand. It plays a critical part in the European Union's strategy to achieve a common European energy market.

While the development of the Thanet Windfarm Extension will not have a direct impact on the BritNed cables, the closest point of approach of the zone appears to be some 3km distant, there will be potential risks from vessels anchoring during the construction phase and BritNed request that Vattenfall assess these risks and take appropriate mitigating measures





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