



<b>Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)</b>	
<b>Project name:</b>	Bramford to Twinstead
<b>Address/Location:</b>	A linear route between Bramford in Suffolk and Twinstead in Essex and a site at Butler’s Wood in Essex.
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	EN020002
<b>Date(s) screening undertaken:</b>	First screening – 30 June 2021 following the Applicant’s request for a scoping opinion. Second screening – 8 June 2023 following submission of the application documents.

<b>TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING</b>	
<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	Bramford to Twinstead Scoping Report dated May 2021 (Volume 1) ('the Scoping Report'), including Appendix 1.1 Transboundary Supporting Information (Volume 3)
<p>The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development, which comprises the reinforcement of the electricity transmission network between Bramford substation and Twinstead Tee, comprising installation of approximately 19km of 400kV overhead line and 8km of underground cables, removal of approximately 25km of 132kV and 1.5km of 400kV overhead line, associated temporary overhead line diversion and construction and operation of a Grid Supply Point substation at Butler’s Wood.</p> <p>The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development <b>is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State</b>. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development’s likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.</p>	
<b>Action:</b>	No further action required at this stage.
<b>Date:</b>	30 June 2021
<b>Note:</b>	The SoS’ duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

## TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement Environmental Statement (ES) (Document Reference 6.2) Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement ES Appendix 1.1 Transboundary Supporting Information (Document Reference 6.3.1.1) Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement Habitats Regulations Assessment Report (Document Reference 5.3)
<p>The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is <b>unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State</b>. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.</p>	
<p><b>Action:</b> No further action required at this stage.</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 8 June 2023</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.</p>	

### **Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>