



## PLANNING ACT 2008

### INITIAL CHOICE OF PANEL OR SINGLE APPOINTED PERSON

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND LEAD MEMBER WHEN A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE THAT THE APPLICATION IS TO BE HANDLED BY A PANEL

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**Application:** EN020017 Richborough  
Connection Project

**Acceptance:** 11 February 2016

**Development description:** Proposed 400kV electricity transmission connection between Richborough and Canterbury in Kent to connect the proposed new UK to Belgium interconnector (known as the Nemo Link®).

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#### ***Initial Choice of Panel – s61 Planning Act 2008***

I have considered the *CLG Guidance*<sup>1</sup> which identifies criteria relevant to appointing an Examining Authority and I have decided [on behalf of the Secretary of State] that the application should be examined by a panel of four members.

#### ***Appointment of members and lead member as chair – s65 Planning Act 2008***

I have considered the skill sets required for the panel members and suitability for chairing the panel and I have decided [on behalf of the Secretary of State] to appoint Frances Fernandes, Annie Coombs, Richard Rees and Stephen Roscoe as panel members and Frances Fernandes as the Lead Member of the panel.

These appointments are made in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's *Conflict of Interest Policy*.

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**Pauleen Lane, Group Manager for National Infrastructure**

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<sup>1</sup> *CLG Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent for nationally significant infrastructure projects March 2015*, particularly paragraphs 12-14  
<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

