**The Southern Gas Networks PLC (Kingsferry Gas Pipeline Replacement Project) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023**

**Gas Act 1986**

**Acquisition of Land Act 1981**

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Southern Gas Networks PLC (company registration number 05167021) made on the 12 October 2023 The Southern Gas Networks PLC (Kingsferry Gas Pipeline Replacement Project) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 under section 9 and Schedule 3 to the Gas Act 1986 and the Acquisition of land Act 1981. It is about to submit this order to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for confirmation, and if confirmed the order will authorise Southern Gas Networks PLC to purchase compulsorily the new rights described below for the purpose connected with the carrying on of the activities which the acquiring authority is authorised by its licence to carry on and allowing the acquiring authority to discharge its statutory duties within its licence area to develop and maintain an efficient and economical pipeline system for the conveyance of gas. The rights being acquired are those necessary to install, construct, use, keep operate, maintain, monitor, inspect, replace, renew, repair and retain and take access to gas pipeline infrastructure which is necessary as part of the acquiring authority's gas distribution network.

A copy of the order and of the accompanying map may be seen at all reasonable hours at:

* Minster in Sheppey Library, Worcester Close, Minster On Sea, Sheerness, Kent ME12 3NP;
* Sheerness Library, Sheerness Gateway, 38-42 High Street, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1NL; and
* Sittingbourne Library, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4AH.

Southern Gas Networks PLC has also made copies of the Order and the accompanying maps available for inspection online at [https://www.sgn.co.uk/sittingbourne-kingsferry-bridge](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/D7K3CxnN0T2zZpZI8dVyE?domain=sgn.co.uk)

1. Paper copies are available on reasonable request made in writing to SGN Kingsferry Pipeline Project, C/O Dalcour Maclaren, Unit 1, Staplehurst Farm, Weston-on-the-Green, Bicester OX25 3QU or by email to Kingsferry@dalcourmaclaren.com or by telephoning 03331 885374.

If no relevant objection as defined in section 13(6) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is made, or if all such objections made are withdrawn, or if the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero is satisfied that every objection made relates exclusively to matters of compensation which can be dealt with by the Lands Tribunal the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero may confirm the order with or without modifications.

In any other case where a relevant objection has been made which is not withdrawn or disregarded, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero is required, before confirming the order either –

* + - 1. to cause a public local inquiry to be held; or
			2. to afford to the objector an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for the purpose; or
			3. with the consent of the objector to follow a written representations procedure.

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero may then, after considering the objection and the report of the person who held the inquiry or hearing or considered the written representations, confirm the order with or without modifications. In the event there is no objection, whether by a qualifying person or otherwise, the confirming authority may in certain circumstances permit the acquiring authority to determine confirmation of the order.

Any objection to the order must be made in writing to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery Team, 3-8 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2HH and/or to John.McKenna@energysecurity.gov.uk before 15 November and should state the title of the order, the grounds of objection and the objector’s address and interests in the land.

**DESCRIPTION OF NEW RIGHTS**

Acquisition of new rights in land required for the construction and operation of a new gas pipeline under the river Swale between mainland Kent and the Isle of Sheppey and the decommissioning of the existing intermediate gas pipeline suspended beneath the superstructure of the Kingsferry Bridge over the river Swale, and associated works.

The new rights sought fall within the following classes set out below (and described in more detail in the Order and the Schedule) in relation to the land referred to below:

**Pipeline Construction Rights:** All rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the construction of the new gas pipeline and associated infrastructure / apparatus / equipment at bridge carrying public highway (The Sheppey Crossing, A249); bridge carrying public highway (The Sheppey Crossing, A249) over public road (Ridham Dock Road); copse (west of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR90); drain (south west of Kingsferry Gun Club); grassland (north east of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland (north of Ridham Dock Road and south east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249); grassland (south east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249); grassland (south east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland (south of Ridham Dock Road, north west of Sheppey Way, B2231 and south east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland and drain (south west of Kingsferry Gun Club); grassland and scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road); grassland and bridge carrying public highway (The Sheppey Crossing, A249) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland, drain and electricity cables (south east of Ferry Road); hardstanding (north of Ferry Road); hardstanding and scrubland (north of Ferry Road) and public footpath (ZS12); hardstanding, scrubland and access track (south of Ferry Road); private road and verge (Ridham Dock Road); public road (Ferry Road); public road (Ridham Dock Road); river (The Swale), foreshore and bed thereof; scrubland (east of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR88); scrubland and access track (south east of Ferry Road); verge (north east of Ridham Dock Road); verge (Ridham Dock Road); verge (Ridham Dock Road) and scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road)

**Pipeline Rights:** All rights necessary at all times for the purpose of entering the land with or without vehicles, plant and equipment and a full right of shelter and protection and vertical and lateral support for the benefit of the pipeline and associated infrastructure / apparatus / equipment from the land at bridge carrying public highway (Sheppey Way, B2231); bridge carrying public highway (Sheppey Way, B2231) over public road (Ridham Dock Road); bridge carrying public highway (The Sheppey Crossing, A249) over public road (Ridham Dock Road); bridge carrying railway (Queenborough and Swale) and works; bridge carrying railway (Queenborough and Swale) and works over public road (Ridham Dock Road); embankment and copse (south east of Sheppey Way, B2231 and west of Ridham Dock Road); embankment and copse (south east of Sheppey Way, B2231 and west of Ridham Dock Road); copse (west of Ridham Dock Road); copse (west of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland (south east of Ferry Road); grassland (south east of Ferry Road) and public footpath (ZS19); grassland (south east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249); grassland (south east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland (south of Ridham Dock Road, north west of Sheppey Way, B2231 and south east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland (west of Ridham Dock Road); grassland and scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road); grassland and bridge carrying public highway (The Sheppey Crossing, A249) and public footpath (ZR90); hardstanding and scrubland (north of Ferry Road) and public footpath (ZS12); hardstanding, scrubland and access track (south of Ferry Road); private road and verge (Ridham Dock Road); public road (Ferry Road); public road (Ridham Dock Road); river (The Swale), foreshore and bed thereof; scrubland (east of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR88); scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road); scrubland and access track (south east of Ferry Road); verge (Ridham Dock Road); verge (Ridham Dock Road) and scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road)

**Working Area Rights:** All rights necessary to erect, create, use and vacate a working area for the purposes of or incidental to the construction of the new gas pipeline and associated infrastructure / apparatus / equipment or the decommissioning of any existing gas pipeline and associated infrastructure / apparatus / equipment at access track (east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249); grassland (east of Ferry Road); grassland (south of Ferry Road); grassland and hardstanding (west of Sheppey Crossing, A249); grassland and scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road); hardstanding (north of Ridham Dock Road and The Sheppey Crossing, A249); hardstanding and scrubland (east of Kingsferry Bridge); hardstanding, access track and bridge carrying public highway (The Sheppey Crossing, A249)

**Access Rights:** All rights necessary at all times to access the land and adjoining land with or without vehicles, plant, machinery, apparatus, equipment, materials and personnel including rights to carry out works to facilitate such access, including rights to access and enter onto any bridges or bridge abutments at access track (east of The Sheppey Crossing, A249); bridge carrying public highway (Sheppey Way, B2231); bridge carrying public highway (Sheppey Way, B2231) over public road (Ridham Dock Road); bridge carrying railway (Queenborough and Swale) and works; bridge carrying railway (Queenborough and Swale) and works over public road (Ridham Dock Road); embankment and copse (south east of Sheppey Way, B2231 and west of Ridham Dock Road); copse (west of Ridham Dock Road); drain (south west of Kingsferry Gun Club); grassland (north east of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR90); grassland (west of Ridham Dock Road); embankment (north west of Sheppey Way, B2231 and west of Ridham Dock Road); grassland and drain (south west of Kingsferry Gun Club); grassland and hardstanding (west of Sheppey Crossing, A249); grassland and scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road); grassland, drain and electricity cables (south east of Ferry Road); hardstanding (north of Ferry Road); hardstanding (north of Ridham Dock Road and The Sheppey Crossing, A249); hardstanding (south of Kingsferry Bridge and north of Ferry Road); hardstanding and scrubland (north of Ferry Road) and public footpath (ZS12); hardstanding, access track and bridge carrying public highway (The Sheppey Crossing, A249); hardstanding, scrubland and access track (south of Ferry Road); private road and access splay (off Ridham Dock Road); private road and verge (Ridham Dock Road); public road (Ferry Road); scrubland (east of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR88); scrubland (south east of railway (Queenborough and Swale) and north of Ferry Road) and public footpath (ZS12); scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road); scrubland and access track (south east of Ferry Road)

**Decommissioning Rights:** All rights necessary to decommission any existing pipeline and associated infrastructure / apparatus / equipment on the land at bridge (Kingsferry Bridge) carrying highway (Sheppey Way, B2231) over river, (The Swale), bed and banks thereof and grassland (north east of Kingsferry Bridge); bridge (Kingsferry Bridge) carrying public highway (Sheppey Way, B2231) over river, bed and banks thereof (The Swale); bridge carrying public highway (Sheppey Way, B2231); river (the Swale) and bridge foundation (Kingsferry Bridge) ; grassland, hardstanding, access track, slipway (north of Kingsferry Bridge) and public footpaths (ZR88 and ZR90); hardstanding (south of Kingsferry Bridge and north of Ferry Road); public footway (Sheppey Way, B2231) and verge (north east of Kingsferry Bridge); public road (Sheppey Way, B2231); river (The Swale) and bed thereof and cation (Kingsferry Bridge); river (The Swale), bed and banks thereof and bridge carrying public road (Sheppey Way, B2231); river (The Swale), bed and banks thereof and railway bridge (Queenborough and Swale) and works; scrubland (south east of railway (Queenborough and Swale) and north of Ferry Road) and public footpath (ZS12); scrubland and hardstanding (south of Sheppey Way, B2231 and north of Ferry Road)

**Drilling Rights:** All rights necessary for the purposes of or incidental to the construction of the new gas pipeline and associated infrastructure / apparatus / equipment at private road and verge (Ridham Dock Road); river (The Swale), foreshore and bed thereof; scrubland (east of Ridham Dock Road) and public footpath (ZR88); verge (Ridham Dock Road); verge (Ridham Dock Road) and scrubland (west of Ridham Dock Road)

Dated 18 October 2023

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For and on behalf of Southern Gas Networks PLC

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