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Dear Ms Lewin,

**SEA LINK REINFORCEMENT PROJECT:
REQUEST FOR DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 35 OF PLANNING ACT 2008**

Thank you for your email dated 7 April 2022 about the letter dated 31 March 2022, which attached the Secretary of State's direction that the Sea Link project is to be treated as a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008. In your email, you state that the title of the letter incorrectly referred to the project as an "interconnector" rather than a "reinforcement project".

Officials have considered the text of the letter and consider that the appropriate way forward is to confirm that the reference in the title of the letter to the Project as an interconnector is incorrect, and that the proper description of the Project should have been "reinforcement project" (as set out in the title of this letter). We do not consider that this change has any consequences for the direction itself which correctly refers to the project as a "reinforcement project".

Yours sincerely,

Gareth Leigh
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