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Hello, I'm writing to share my disapproval of the sea link project as an English citizen and as someone who cares about the environment.

My Points:

The land being used is seen as "low value land" as it is classed as farmers land that cannot be used for agricultural purposes and in some cases structural facilities, however this land is vital in reducing the CO2 in an atmosphere and is counter productive in reducing these levels as you'll be destroying what is already a CO2 reducing land for a man made version. I have seen no evidence that the project will reduce CO2 in the atmosphere or production which classes with the Government net 0 Goals.

As stated above the structure to build on this land is challenging, expensive, time consuming and polluting, having to build a "foundation" rising high off the ground just to support the main project with piles. The amount of cement is inevitably polluting to the land but also to the sea, with foundation and main project building and construction waste.

Environmental cost of CO2 emissions from transportation of materials over such a long period of development time.

On top of this, there is already an ongoing development of renewable energy facilities to transport energy to Germany in the isle of Grain which is already causing similar damage, polluting the river and farm land around it. Further increasing the chances of having the water pollution running down to the isle of Grain. Beaches along the two sites have already had an increase of pollution deeming Dymchurch beach now "not safe to swim in" caused by a different source of water pollution. There will be a vast build up of water pollution. This pollution will also leak into the sea.

Food pollution of local farmers endangers food security and people's health by consuming these products. These works and structures shouldn't be right next to the food we eat. The NHS is already overwhelmed.

Animals and habitat loss. There is already a protected area of insects, birds and bees that are located next to the planned building area, however these creatures are also found on the site that the construction is going to be built on and whilst not illegal to destroy their habitats you will be killing these protected creatures and others such as swans as they cannot survive without these lands. These also play a vital role in our ecosystem and net 0 goals.

Wires and building of pylons increase the risks of injury and death of birds. There are lots of protected birds in the area making this an unsuitable area for wires to be built.

Undetonated bombs from WW2 are a risk of explosion, concerning for a site where there is already a high risk of fires and explosions, endangering the wildlife and people in the area. I don't see any mention of this or the risks associated with this if one were to go off and damage the infrastructure leading to possibly another explosion.

Local disturbances are inevitable. long working hours all week and weekend. A lot of local residents use the area recreationally, nature enthusiasts and lovers enjoy this space. Lorries carrying materials will cause spills, traffic and delays. Noise from construction will increase the chances of health issues such as hypertension, hearing loss and tinnitus. Pollution from dust particles on people's lungs causing issues such as cancer and asthma. Chemical uses are also released into the air and onto land and water affecting our health and the health of creatures.

Local disagreement. Banners are already up in the local area to save "minster marshes" suggesting an overall community disapproval of the project.

Water usage, every summer English residents are told not to use hoses but the amount of projected water use for this project is unsustainable. There is also a risk of contaminating groundwater as well as soil which plants and creatures rely on.

I cannot imagine the pollution and damage that will be done by laying these cables on the sea bed, the maintenance and risks associated with these things. Damaging habitats in the sea which also contributes to putting more CO₂.

The projected area of pegwell bay where seals habitat will be threatened from the laying of cables causing distress and disturbances for them. These cables go around the protected area but of course the area is shared by these creatures for all of Pegwell bay.

I quite honestly don't see any promising evidence that this project will be a net gain for anyone apart from their shareholders and themselves. No evidence of working towards net 0 or reducing pollution. This project should be built in an area with more suitable land both functionally and structurally. The area around it is inadequate as there is protected wildlife, farmland and high risks of water pollution in an already water polluted area. The area is already an area where CO₂ is being reduced and the destruction of this is backwards. The site should be built on an already built upon area where the soil is damaged and doesn't require such structural change. One that doesn't disrupt the peace of the locals that enjoy some of the last peaceful and full of life areas left in England.

Thanks for reading.
Kind Regards,
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