

## Written Representation by Frances Crowe (reg. no. [REDACTED])

My comments are as follows:

1. Firstly, I support the submission of SEAS and their conclusion that development consent for the Sea Link project must be refused.
2. I am very concerned about the cumulative impact of this project in conjunction with other development already agreed. Already we are suffering an intolerable level of disruption and destruction in this locality which is considerably more devastating than even our worst fears.

Impacts include:

- i. Inability of local people to carry on their lives as normal due to traffic, mobile/wifi signal issues, closed roads etc – leading to economic, social and mental health impacts. Many of us – myself included – already feel at breaking point and are not sure how much more we can tolerate. We have been walked over and lied to. In their response to written representations regarding the Sizewell C application, the applicant stated that it ‘recognises that there will be residual, *intangible* effects on communities which may result in *perceptions* of a reduction in quality of life’ (my italics). In the light of what is actually happening now, when impacts of the combined projects are just in their infancy, this response is risible but unfortunately typical of the disregard and disrespect with which we have been treated. Communities are being put under intolerable pressure and are at breaking point. We cannot take any more.
- ii. Destruction and disruption of wildlife habitats and protected areas – including adverse impacts of particulate/dust pollution from the works and 24 hour light pollution, inflicting yet more harm on wildlife and habitats that are already under siege. This is an area rich in protected habitats yet this seems to count for nothing in the face of an onslaught of unnecessary construction and destruction. I am particularly concerned about the cumulative impacts of works on air pollution. Our very dry – and increasingly windy – climate means that dust storms from exposed ground are a real problem. All the land works and construction are already adding to this burden, meaning that particulate pollution will increase. There is no safe level of PM2.5 particulates which cause a raft of serious adverse health effects.
- iii. Undermined viability of East Suffolk as an attractive tourist destination. People come here to enjoy nature and an escape from the stresses of life in the city. Tourism is a large and vital part of the East Suffolk’s economy with many livelihoods and businesses dependent on it. If local people are finding the devastation hard to bear, it is hard to imagine why people would continue to come here to share in our suffering. According to some accounts, social media commentary is already leading to a reduction in tourism here.

More specifically, I am very worried on two counts for personal reasons:

1. I own a holiday rental business in Thorpeness. I do not know how long this business will remain viable in the light of the development that is literally threatening to surround the village. Thorpeness is a place that people come to for its old-worldly charm, its wildlife and to remind themselves of the simple pleasures in life. I honestly do not think I will be able to continue to offer holidays here when I know that what I

am offering is becoming a deception and far from the idyll that people expect and that they have loved until now. The North Warren nature reserve and its surrounding marshes, woodlands and beach are a really important part of any holiday in Thorpeness, where people typically abandon their cars and walk or cycle to Aldeburgh and the surrounding area for their entertainment, shops and food. Furthermore, if the proposed application means that the road, beach or footpaths between Thorpeness and Aldeburgh are closed at any point, I believe that this will be an intolerable death knell for tourism in this location.

2. We live in Sudbourne and are dependent on crossing the A1094 at Snape in order to get to our local towns (Aldeburgh and Saxmundham), to service our holiday let business in Thorpeness and to enjoy our local beaches and coastal walks. Already it is at times very difficult to join or cross the A1094 with huge queues at certain times relating to primary school hours, Snape Maltings events and holiday/weekend visitors. I am already concerned there will be complete deadlock as a result of the already approved infrastructure projects. Piling more pressure onto this rural and yet vital road will simply not work. We have no options for alternative routes and are already bearing the burden of constant and poorly notified and signposted closures all over the area.

I urge you to refuse permission for this development.

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