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To: [South East Anglia Link](#)
Subject: Written representation from an interested party
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Dear Sarah Holmes,

Interested Party ref. [REDACTED] Sea Link project.

Please find below my written representation with regards to the Sea Link development proposal.

I object to the Sea Link development for the following reasons:

1. Its impact on protected sites such as the internationally important Sandwich Bay and Pegwell NNR and the Sandwich Bay and Hacklinge Marshes SSSI and the protected species these sites support.

For example Golden Plover, Turnstone and Red Throated Diver have all been recorded at Pegwell Bay and the surrounding sites and are at risk of being displaced through disturbance. Golden Plover and Turnstone are designated features for the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA.

It should also be noted that damage to Pegwell Bay and its saltmarsh was a result of the Nemo link and this has not been rectified. This does not engender confidence that Sea Link will be any more successful.

2. The inadequacy of the proposed mitigation.

For example, with regards to the functionally linked land to Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA the proposed mitigation land is flanked by two proposed solar farms. Together with Sea link this would result in the loss of approximately 160ha of functionally linked land and erosion of the ecological function of the SPA.

3.Omission of key survey findings.

For example, with regards to counts of Golden Plover at Minster marshes the PEIR records peak counts of over 700. However, in the final ES this has been reduced to 370 with this figure being used as the baseline for habitat creation for Golden Plover. This is underestimating the required compensation by nearly 50%

4.The failure to carry out reptile, bat, water vole, otter, beaver, badger, invertebrate and river aquatic surveys before plans are submitted for a development consent order.

5. The loss of connectivity for wildlife through the development on 13.6 hectares of Minster marshes LWS and the impact it will have on a wide range of protected species.

32 Red listed species have been recorded on Minster Marshes including the critically endangered European Eel, Golden Plover, Turtle Dove, Nightingale, Tree Sparrow, Water Vole.

Nightingales, Herons, Egrets, Marsh Harriers and Long Eared Owls are known to nest there and Beavers have been recorded in the waterways that surround the proposed converter site. This area plays a vital role in supporting the species for which the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA has been designated.

Renewable energy solutions are, of course, necessary if we are to meet climate change

targets but they should not be at the expense of wildlife, neither should they include damage to, and destruction of, carbon sequestering spaces.
Please review alternative routes for Sea Link.

Thank you.

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