

Planning Inspectorate 5th November 2025

I would like to ask the planning inspectorate to consider two things.

1. To consider the effects which are happening right now in this part of Suffolk due to the building of Sizewell C. We were warned of the impending devastation to the countryside, but the reality is worse than expected. There are large areas of groundworks which are causing misery for many residents. We have to double or even treble the usual time it takes to get anywhere because of roadblocks, temporary traffic lights, lane closures and speed restrictions. We have to drive down ever smaller roads and then move over beyond the side of the road to allow a huge lorry to pass, scratching our paintwork. And for working people it is worse because these delays cost them real money. The effect on tourism is hard to gauge, but this area of outstanding Natural beauty is not looking great, with are earth, ground working machinery, less trees and hedgerows, increased noise & light. There have already been reports of between 16% and 29% decrease in visitors due to Sizewell C (EDF study cited by STOP Sizewell C). I am resigned to having to put up with the devastation that building Sizewell C will have on all of us for a decade or more, but feel it is unfair and unjustifiable to exacerbate the situation and allow further destruction by giving the go ahead to Sealink in its present form, when there are viable alternative solutions to deliver energy closer to demand which will achieve the same result with far less devastation to the landscape and people of East Suffolk.
2. I would also like to make a plea to the Planning Inspectorate to review National Grid's proposals for the Sea Link project from a national point of view as well as a local one. In order to do what is right for the UK in terms of reaching net zero, it is vitally important to look at developing projects which not only benefit the UK as a whole, but also do not sacrifice smaller areas of the UK to achieve this. As already mentioned we are seeing extensive ground works affecting agricultural, wild and recreational land in the process of building Sizewell C but in addition we are seeing the loss of large areas of agricultural land for solar farms, and further destruction with Suffolk Water's plan for recycling, transfer and storage of water. I believe if National Grid get the go ahead for Sea Link, it will open the floodgates to further projects (such as EA1N, EA2, substation at Friston, and Lion link) on the back of it. The accumulated devastation of all these infrastructure projects in this small area of the UK will have very serious and far reaching negative consequences for this area in terms of the effects on environment, landscape, wildlife, tourism, employment and housing and health, which will affect the UK as a whole. I am asking for a review of this project in the context of all the other works occurring in this area, both proposed and already in existence.