

JSC SEALINK REPRESENTATION 611.25

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Sir, Ladies and Gentlemen Good morning,

My name is Jonathan Clogg.

I am resident of Snape for the past 10 years +.

I am a Chartered Surveyor( 40+ years) and my place of work is in Saxmundham.

I would like to highlight and make three observations to the Planning Inspector.

Firstly , through 2017-19 alongside others I input to a local group – “Leave the Layers Alone” who lobbied East Suffolk Council in their Local Plan review Adopted in 2021.

Our Representations were focussed on the agricultural land to the West and East of the historic “South Entrance” road (B1121)into Saxmundham from the A.12 and ‘Bigsbys Corner’.

We aimed to secure protection from Development AND Infrastructure for this Land.

Given its significant historic value to the town being an original site of the Suffolk County Showground, Likewise Hurts Hall and its history and setting.

It is across this land that NG seek to carve the access road to the proposed Converter Station.

Among other sites ESC + Town Council reviewed for development and Infrastructure included the land to the east of Saxmundham , the proposed site of NG ‘s Sealink ‘Convertor Station(s)!

After Analysis by ESC then this site was dismissed given their concerns over drainage, levels and consequent flood risk .

This DCO Application location seems inconsistent.

Notwithstanding the DCO procedure followed put simply This Application drives a coach and horses through The Adopted Local Plan with far , far reaching consequences potentially.

Secondly I believe this Sealion/and Lion Link Application is very poorly planned; its disjointed, exploitative and extremely opportunistic and is akin to a ‘feeding frenzy’ approach.

Moreover very, very late in the current consultation process, almost as if planned , NGET have introduced Change of order limits affecting Benhall Railway Bridge,Friston Substation ,the Neolithic Hengiform etc. and provided only a very limited 1 month Public Consultation period.

The here and now is that the East Suffolk area and our Communities are really, really struggling to comprehend and come to terms with the every day effect of the plethora of monumental DCOs being enacted within a tiny rural area of 20 square miles ;

I really hope that the Inspector has a proper opportunity to travel round our area to witness this first hand.

The effects on our complete local roads and rail Infrastructure network is happening right now.

The Cumulative impacts of these vast concurrent DCO ‘Projects’ are overwhelming us all.

Sir, these plans and the Cumulative impacts are now on such a scale as to represent environmental vandalism on a generational scale –this is appalling.

Wrong plans – Wrong Place

Please listen to us.

Thankyou.

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