

Sealink DCO presentation William Parker IP [REDACTED]

Good Morning

You must understand that I and many others in the wider community are jaundiced about this process, we have been through this stress and trauma before. Even when the Planning Inspectorate turns down an application the Government can just over rule it. However, as you are already experiencing, we once again want our voice heard and we need you to listen.

I co-own a business in Thorpeness providing accommodation for multi-generational families who come for the traditional beach side holidays enjoying the environment, sea swimming and peace and quiet. The prospect of marooning Thorpeness between multiple infrastructure projects is unacceptable.

I wish in particular to highlight that the coast road between Thorpeness and Aldeburgh must be kept open at all times. Any proposal now or in the future to close this road would be catastrophic for both our business and the people who live in Thorpeness as this is a key lifeline for this community.

The proposed destruction of this protected landscape impacting on its highly stressed but immensely valuable wildlife in the middle of an acknowledged biodiversity collapse, especially in the designated protected areas would be an entirely avoidable disaster. We believe that we will have to close our business, disappoint our loyal customers and let down our local suppliers. How can we genuinely welcome people to the chaos, noise and pollution that is engulfing this area.

As someone who has some professional knowledge of this coastline I wish to highlight the inappropriate location for selection of the land fall point between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness and will highlight my concerns at the appropriate session later in the process.

I have lived locally for the past 25 years and I am feeling that this may be the last straw, forcing me to seriously reconsider where I live in future. I'm already sick of the anarchy on the fragile road network, loss of mobile phone and internet coverage and collapse of local service provision. The lack of any form of in combination planning and mitigation with the multiple NSIPs projects is simply bewildering and must be addressed.

As local people this is a very unequal process; the applicant has very deep pockets who employs the most articulate barrister and the most compliant consultants. As local people, we are aware that the applicant regards us as collateral damage.

I anticipate that we may be mis-label as nimbys, but the local community is actually extremely well informed, with individuals who are highly qualified experts in the technical detail and we all have a passionate for the area. We are however; tired of being ignored, told half-truths and having crucial information withheld.

Therefore, whilst you have to operate through your terms of reference, I ask of you the committee 3 things:

- 1) Rigorously and sceptically examine everything you are told by the applicant.
- 2) **If** you accept the application, that you apply strict and long-term conditions with regard to restoration of nature and the environment.
- 3) You ensure that the applicant is required to co-ordinate its work with the other NSIPs, with an obligation to reduce the impact on the local community and to communicate effectively with the local population.

I fully support the local community action group SEAS including for off-shore hubs to help protect this precious area.

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I urge you to reject the plans as presently proposed as unacceptable and unworkable.

Thank you