

## Statement for the Open Hearing – Sea Link DCO, Snape Maltings

Good evening.

My name is Irina Tulovska, I've been a local resident over the last 2 years, and I wish to express my strong objection to the National Grid Sea Link proposals. I fully support the alternative offshore initiative put forward by SEAS, which offers a more sustainable and less harmful approach.

What drew me — and continues to draw so many people — to Suffolk is its extraordinary care for history and nature. The local communities here have a truly reverent attitude towards the land they live on. They live in houses built in 17<sup>th</sup> century, preserving them not as relics, but as living history. They walk the same lanes their ancestors did, restoring and maintaining rather than replacing. They buy woodland and meadows not for profit, but to protect them — its wildlife — and the quiet continuity of rural life.

In this context, the Sea Link project feels entirely alien — industrial, intrusive, and frankly, non-British in spirit.

Suffolk has given Britain an incredible wealth of talent — writers, artists — people inspired by the beauty, light, and stillness of this place. It is heartbreaking to see this same landscape now facing widespread destruction in the name of expedience and financial interest.

If Suffolk becomes a county where nature is sacrificed for corporate gain, not only its biodiversity, but a vital part of British cultural and emotional heritage will be lost. And a dangerous precedent will be set and spread across the whole of Britain, eroding the very landscapes and values that have always defined this nation.

Please let me quote His Majesty King Charles III: *“Nature is our sustainer — we are a part of Nature. Therefore, what we do to her, we do to ourselves.”* His *Philosophy of Harmony* reminds us that the health of people, place, and planet are inseparable — and when we disturb that balance, everyone pays the price.

So I respectfully urge the Examining Authority to consider not only the technical aspects of this proposal, but its human and moral dimensions — and to stand with those who have cared for Suffolk's land and legacy for generations.

Thank you.