

I have lived and worked in this area for 13 years and loved doing so until recently, when day to day life surrounded by these projects has become quite overwhelming and depression, to the point that I am considering leaving - like many others I know.

I am concerned firstly, about the cumulative impact of so many energy projects in such a small rural area over a relatively short time. The impact of construction traffic will be extremely significant on our limited road infrastructure leading to pollution and noise, loss of access to public footpaths and walk/cycle routes and increased danger from traffic. This has already begun to cause a huge negative impact since I registered in June.

Secondly, the proposed cable run is through RSPB North Warren, near Maggie Hambling's Scallop, (which is in Aldeburgh, not as stated by Sealink between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness). It's a beautiful area for dog walking, running and just for taking in the beauty and the sounds of nature. That's just for the humans - the value to the wildlife is just not measurable. It's supposed to be a AONB or National Landscape, a legally protected area - a nature reserve. We have a duty as custodians to preserve this for future generations. That's the point of designatiothe area as AONB. I fear for our beautiful rural landscape and for the wildlife that lives here and contributes to making it so special.

The Aldeburgh economy thrives and depends on tourism. But who will want to come here to sit in traffic jams and to visit a noisy, dirty building site. It will destroy the local tourism economy and be of no long term benefit to local people who are already bearing the impact of Sizewell C.

I am employed as Manager of the local library and can testify as to how difficult it was to obtain information from the Applicant at various stages of the consultation, to enable the public to engage fully. Over the last few years, the library has acted as a deposit point for documents for many other projects, including Sizewell C, for people who wish to look at the proposals who are unable to use IT or who find it hard to read and understand maps online. But from Sealink there was a real resistance to providing a paper copy. Somebody did finally manage to obtain one hard copy, but well into the consultation period. My husband delivers prescriptions to people unable to get to the pharmacy, and being able to get around the area is vital to his ability to carry out his job. He increasingly faces road closures and diversions on the limited road infrastructure.

Finally, the Sealink proposal is totally unsuitable to be built here. The cost to the environment is just too great.

There needs to be a bigger picture long term solution such as the offshore grid model used by more progressive European countries. I would request that the Planning Inspectorate recommend at least a pause to enable a more strategic and appropriate solution to be achieved. It makes no sense to build this energy infrastructure, with all the accompanying destruction, where the energy is not needed. It should go direct to where it is needed. National Grid should have spent part of its profits on upgrading the pylon transmission grid in preparation for the expansion of green energy from renewables.

We must consider the impact of such projects on our environment that we are custodians of.