

Reasons for objection to the Change Request

1. Major work on Benhall bridge will disrupt the only rail line in the area which connects into Intercity trains from Ipswich going to all areas of the UK including London . This will effect all commuters for work or study.
2. Diversions will clog up already very congested roads roads in the area due to Sizewell and SPR. The cumulative impact on residents and our major economy, tourism is woefully underestimated by the SEalink . team.
3. UK power security will be seriously jepordised by cramming 30% of the UK's energy power production into a tiny Eastern area on by the North Sea.

The Sealink project has belatedly added the use of Benhall bridge and the bridge of the river Fromus .

Neither of these two changes should be remotely feasible due their sensitivity.

Structural change to Benhall bridge effectively closes the only other access to the coast around Aldeburgh other than at Friday Street which has already proved unsafe and causing a traffic flow bottleneck. Bringing lorries over the the bridge is unsafe due to the close proximity to the primary school turning onto the road and the pedestrians and cyclists who use the road. Its a small rural hamlet off the A12 which is already carrying a huge volume of traffic.

Altering the flow of Fromus river has not been sufficiently studies with regards to potential flooding and the destruction of flora and flora in the area.

Making theses potential changes at such a late stage in the developement planning is a cynical strategy to overload an already stretched public,local town and parish council system tasked with keeping abreast of cumilative infrastructure projects all requiring thought, response and detailed analysis.

I continue to strongly object to national Grid's Sealink development project for the following reasons:

1. NG have not made a convincing argument for the need for the project except at a possible future date
2. The cumulative impact of this project along with the others in this small rural area has already put pressure on small rural roads, disrupting vital access for all emergency vehicles and district nurses etc.
3. Safety hazards for cyclists, pedestrians, school and work access.
4. Commuting times for all workers prolonged and stressful.
4. Destruction of very fragile biodiversity both coastal and arable land with inadequate mitigation proposal, and lack of systematic regulation for it.

Underestimation of the gradual decline of the tourism industry which is the major economic driver of the area along with declining visitors for world renowned sites, Snape Maltings and Minster due to difficulty of access across the whole area.

Flagrant disregard for the population of the whole affected area particularly in Friston and Saxmundham, their mental health and wellbeing.