

I am a local resident whose home and life will be affected by the SEALINK proposals.

I am extremely concerned about the proposal and the quality of reply that the applicant gave to the questions asked of them at the Snape Open Floor Hearing. Frankly, the Sealink reply was unclear, full of jargon, despite them being requested otherwise, and did not answer questions directly or with evidence to back up their points. It may have sounded as if answers were being given, but broadly, they were being avoided.

In a brief comment, it is difficult to sum up all my concerns about the proposal, but they include the long term loss of good agricultural land and ecological habitats; serious, irreparable damage to one of the country's best loved and esteemed heritage landscapes (this is known as the Heritage Coast for a reason - Sutton Hoo, Saxon history, boat and horse burials, wood henges, etc); the serious increase to traffic on all local back roads, where already local traffic has increased threefold to avoid Sizewell traffic on the A12. The quality of the application is poor, it did not originally allow for obvious problems such as the Benhall bridge, which shows poor planning. The applicant downplayed impact rather than addressed it.