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RE: Response to Applicant's Document 9.34.6 Applicant's Thematic Responses to Relevant Representations– REP1-116

Sealink response

I am submitting this Written Response as a local resident directly affected by the Sea Link project and in response to the Applicant's Thematic response to my Relevant Representation - REP1-166. I have significant concerns about the whole project which once you study NG proposals you realise they are ill thought out in the extreme.

Why on earth would anyone think building significant infrastructure in this rural setting busting with wildlife and little else is a reasonable or sensible option. We only need look across the channel to see how they are building a modern offshore electrical grid for the future and using existing large brownfield sites.

For instance the Netherlands are using Geertruidenberg which has significant industrial activity, particularly around the rivers Donge and Amer, with major operations like the RWE Amer biomass power plant and industrial minerals processing by Sibelco to connect to lionlink and National Grid a private company that's only ambition is profit have chosen Walberswick. A tiny village again in a tiny rural community full of wildlife and little else, a more unnatural choice I could not comprehend unless you know that for Sealink National Grid have chosen Friston. An even smaller ancient rural backwater, it beggars belief.

The roads in these areas are only just viable for walkers and a few cars, not heavy trucks carrying heavy materials and earthmoving machinery. The driest part of the country that needs all its rainwater for drinking and the growing of food, certainly not enough for massive infrastructure plans.

The destruction of SSSI sites and the general rich wildlife countryside is to awful to contemplate. Please use some common sense and modern engineering technology and build these infrastructure projects at sea and only come ashore where it makes sense, on existing brownfield sites closer to where the power is needed. If lionlink was engineered sensible, coming ashore at say Bradwell-on-sea there would be no need for Sealink at all!

The project in its current form will permanently alter the environment, character, and wellbeing of local communities, and does not adequately avoid, minimise, or justify the level of harm.

Saxmundham council submitted a comprehensive report and they like all the rest have not been listened to because National Grid have no interest in involving the community it's just a box ticking exercise for them because they have only one interest namely profit.

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