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Dear Examining Authority,

ExQ1 1LV1A1

Saxmundham Town Council wishes to respond to the question concerning landscape vision as it directly impacts our community and town.

1. We refer to our Relevant Representation, Appendix 3,: [Relevant Representations | Sea Link \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#), in which we highlighted our visions for community benefits that included the restoration of the Great Wood and Green Corridors, both initiatives that assist in the amelioration of negative impacts.
2. Additionally, we would wish to see early tree planting close to the B1119 to reduce the visual impact of the Converter Station for those travelling from Saxmundham to Leiston.
3. Similarly, we would consider early planting of trees is necessary on either side of the haul road and Fromus Bridge off the B1121 between Saxmundham and Benhall.

Both locations in points 2 and 3 are identified in our Neighbourhood Plan, SAXS11 as views that are central to the town's rural character and sense of place'. See: [Relevant Representations | Sea Link \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

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Whilst the question is addressed to the applicant, Saxmundham Town Council considers it is imperative that the Examining Authority are made aware of the following:

On 4 December 2025, a fatal crash occurred at the B1119/A12 staggered junction. The Town Council considers that this is a tragic consequence of the combination of increased traffic and extremely poor junction layout. Whilst the A12 was closed, traffic was diverted through Saxmundham, via Rendham Road, Mill Road and Chantry Road and created severe vehicle congestion. Moreover, Chantry Road has 7.5 tonne weight limit and HGV's are not permitted. Considering capacity and safety aspects we make the following observations:

1. Due to the implications of increased road closures to strengthening Benhall Bridge to accommodate Abnormal Indivisible Loads, we consider that an alternative diversion route is established.
2. To accommodate the general increase in traffic associated with the project that the B1119/A12 junction is re-modelled with a roundabout to prevent further accidents and in

the meantime a 50mph speed limit is implemented.

Kind regards

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Town Clerk and Proper Officer



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