

Re National Grid/Sea Link Project EN020026 - Sea Link

My PINS Ref: [REDACTED]

I object to this Sea Link project because:

1. Ref: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

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“The UK has today (Wednesday 26 February) outlined its commitment to the implementation of UN COP15 biodiversity framework by publishing its National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan (NBSAP) - showing how we intend to meet all the global targets and goals .

The resumed session of the [16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties \(COP16\)](#) in Rome, Italy, will focus on unresolved items from Cali, Colombia in October 2024, including an international strategy to mobilise finance for nature and the mechanism to review global progress against the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF).

A partnership between Defra, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government and Northern Ireland’s Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, the NBSAP commits the UK to achieving all 23 of the Global Biodiversity Framework targets at home and outlines how its four countries will work together to fully implement each of these, including commitments to:

- Expand protected areas to at least 30% of the land and seas
- Reduce pollution from all sources to levels that are not harmful to biodiversity
- Enhance biodiversity and sustainability in agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and forestry
- Ensure sustainable, safe and legal harvesting and trade of wild species

The NBSAP draws on commitments made by the UK, its Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies – which make a significant contribution to global biodiversity – to summarise our collective ambition to work together to address biodiversity loss.

Achieving these goals to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 will be part of the global pathway towards a world living in harmony with nature by 2050.

Nature Minister Mary Creagh said:

“The UK continues to drive progress on nature protection and restoration both at home and across the world.

“It’s never been more important to tackle the nature and climate crises, and that’s why we will continue to press for concerted action to ensure full implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

“There is more work to do with our international partners, and the UK will be at the forefront of negotiations in Rome.”

Ruth Davis, the UK’s Special Representative for Nature, said:

“We need urgent action to address the nature crisis and that means working to halt biodiversity loss both internationally and at home.

“The launch of the NBSAP is a signal of the UK’s commitment to match international co-operation on nature with domestic activity to protect and enhance our natural world.

“We will continue to play our part in achieving our international nature targets, while working with other nations to make a difference across the globe.”

Natural England Chair Tony Juniper said:

“Nature underpins our economy, health and security. We rely on ecosystems for food, water and air, for resilience in the face of climate change and in sustaining our physical and psychological wellbeing.”

Therefore, I, Angela Stevens, object most strongly to the National Grid/Sea Link Project.

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Re Serious Flooding Risk

I object strongly to the National Grid/Sealink project due to the future risk of serious flooding of the nearby historical town of Sandwich, (which has flooded in the past), the River Stour and the surrounding areas. It only takes a brief look at the Archimedes Principle to see the devastating effect of 300,000 aggregate that Sea Link are proposing to put on the wet marshland of Minster Marshes in Kent, which will displace 300,000 tons of water.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archimedes%27_principle

“Archimedes' principle states that the upward buoyant force that is exerted on a body immersed in a fluid, whether fully or partially, is equal to the weight of the fluid that the body displaces. Archimedes' principle is a law of physics fundamental to fluid mechanics. It was formulated by Archimedes of Syracuse.”

That proves that 300,000 tons of water will run into the streams and River Stour, which will undoubtedly flood the town of Sandwich and surrounding areas. Also, if aggregate is put on the Minster Marshes, they will no longer be able to act as a sponge, again risking flooding to Sandwich and the surrounding areas.

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