

The project was originally designed for a 2,000MW electricity shortage in Suffolk. That claimed shortage has now diminished to 352MW (and may not occur until the late 2030s). Yet National Grid is still pursuing this £2billion-plus undersea cable project that far exceeds actual requirements.

It is accepted that the grid will require upgrades but more economical and less damaging options than Sea Link already exist. The simple, proven solution is to build a new 400kV overhead line between Canterbury North and Kemsley (approx 29km) and a new 400kV double-circuit OHL between Sizewell and Bramford (55km).

Together, these upgrades solve the existing issues without any undersea cable. They also link up neatly with other already-planned upgrades to create an efficient, joined-up network without decimating a valuable and irreplaceable natural habitat of national importance.