

**Response of Walberswick Parish Council to the Sealink DCO  
at Deadline 7 (29 April 2026)**

**IP Number:** [REDACTED]

I am responding on behalf of Walberswick Parish Council as the Councillor delegated to deal with NSIP projects in our area including Sealink.

I am submitting this as a Summary statement at the final deadline.

We would like to thank ExA for the way they have conducted the examination and given voice to the immense number of concerns raised by the local authorities, independent experts and the communities who are being asked to absorb the very serious impacts of this project. Sadly, we leave this process with even more worries than when we started 6 months ago because there are so many unresolved issues. Partially, these issues remain because of the generally intransigent way NGET has engaged with the local community and with the examination process. But mostly, the problem is that this project is ill-conceived and unnecessary and therefore it is not possible to resolve the huge number of anomalies in any sensible fashion. This situation is the unavoidable and unsurprising outcome of a project proposal that should never have been promoted in the first place.

The Rule 17 Letter highlighted some of the key issues that remain unresolved and we commented on this under the line item asking for comments on Deadline 6 submissions. Of the many outstanding issues, we feel that, in particular, the unresolvable nature of Cumulative Impact indicates that this project is fatally flawed and is bad not only for coastal Suffolk but bad for the nation. NGET should not be trying to put additional infrastructure into a small, overwhelmed area that is already trying to deliver a gigantic, complex and eye-wateringly expensive tax-payer financed nuclear plant (not to mention SPR 1 and 2). Sealink's involvement is the straw that will break the camel's back bringing chaos to the community and wholly unnecessary risks, costs and delays to these ongoing NSIPs.

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We have commented at Deadline 6 in support of the submission of Suffolk County Council for the alternative access route to the Saxmundham Converter Station site. If this project were to go forward, we believe that ExA should consider putting this change in the dDCO in order to help address the very substantive unresolved and/or unmitigated issues related to the Benhall Railway Bridge and the Bridge over the River Fromus. NGET has provided nothing that makes this route unsupportable and the huge problems with NGET's preferred route remain unresolved and unmitigated.

[REDACTED], 29 April 2026 on behalf of Walberswick Parish Co