

Dear Examiners, Please do not grant permission for the proposed Sealink project. National Grid has not convinced me that this will be good for our country and our natural environment and wildlife, in fact, it will be the reverse! Inadequate surveys, major changes to their original proposals and more wild habitat area being destroyed than what was originally proposed all because they did not do their research properly and thoroughly! The mitigation proposed is of no use either! How can a farmers field next to busy roads, approx 3 miles away help the wildlife and make up for all they want to take and destroy? We have so little wildlife spaces here in Thanet that we need to treasure the ones we have left, especially those that have the highest levels of so called protections on them, That being Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve! Flood risks also I do not believe are adequately taken into consideration. Our marshland is a natural flood defence and carbon sink! The carbon footprint of this project must be enormous and surely cannot be justified! We are supposed to be helping our natural world, not destroying it!

Pollution is a major concern, from this project there will be all sorts of pollution, air, noise, light, and the possibility of Pegwell Bay, the River Stour and the Minster Stream being contaminated also.

Detrimental impacts on all of our wildlife, flora and fauna.

I also do not believe that this proposed Sealink project is the only and best way to meet our energy needs! Re-cabing the power lines that we presently have with upgraded cabling that can carry more electricity would be the first solution to look to. I believe that less damaging alternatives, such as this, and if necessary, smaller-scale projects in brownfield areas, are available and will be sufficient to meet our energy demands.

We would also be at a major disadvantage in times of conflict as the massive converter station and cabling to and from it would be a prime target!

There are so many reasons why this project should not be granted that I hope that you do not grant it your approval! We are all at a moment in time when nature needs us to defend and protect it, not ruin it! I