

Thousands of people registered for the Sea Link DCO and hundreds spoke at Open Floor Hearings and Issue Specific Hearings in order to have their say about the Sea Link project. That so many people took the time to do this means that they must have had something important to say and for the local community at the Suffolk end of Sea Link, much of what they had to say concerned East Suffolk's cumulative impact problem. However, having one's say about what is happening in response to the unprecedented imposition of major infrastructure in East Suffolk can only really be properly understood if it is being experienced first-hand and the response by the Applicant has been to say that it can be proved that there isn't a problem with local people's health and wellbeing and that Sea Link won't contribute to cumulative impacts because it is only a relatively small project when compared to SZC. Just because something is subjective and can't be easily quantified doesn't mean that it doesn't exist though and when it comes to how people are actually feeling, the experience is very real and there is most definitely a cumulative impact problem. The bottom line is that, with so much infrastructure development hanging over us, it is already extremely stressful living in East Suffolk and one of the outstanding unresolved issues at Deadline 7 is that the extent of the impact that multiple NSIPs being developed in one small part of rural East Suffolk is having on the local population's health and wellbeing has not been properly embraced by the Applicant.