

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing as a local resident who is genuinely concerned about the proposed Sea Link project and the enormous cost now being put forward.

I fully support the move towards Net Zero and recognise that our electricity network needs investment. But I find it difficult to understand why consumers should potentially be asked to fund a project costing around £3.2 billion when a much cheaper alternative has been proposed.

Ofgem's assessment of Sea Link at around £3.2 billion is particularly concerning, given that a figure of approximately £1.1 billion was presented during the DCO examination.

I am also concerned about the impact of yet more major infrastructure on East Suffolk communities, countryside and environment. At a time when household energy bills remain such an important issue, every pound spent should be properly justified.

SEAS has proposed upgrading existing infrastructure at an estimated cost of under £300 million. That is an extraordinary difference.

I therefore ask you, before any final commitment is made, to ensure that this alternative is independently and transparently assessed alongside Sea Link. Surely we should be certain that we are choosing a necessary solution and getting the best possible value for consumers.

As a local resident, I would be grateful if you would take these concerns seriously.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Norman

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