

Dear Secretary of State

Sea Link, LionLink and the proposed Walberswick landfall

I am writing as a resident of Walberswick, Suffolk, following your letter of 28 August concerning the Sea Link DCO.

I fully support offshore wind and the transition to Net Zero. However, I am increasingly concerned that major infrastructure projects are being progressed without sufficient consideration of their cost, necessity and impact on local communities.

The recent Ofgem assessment of Sea Link at approximately £3.2 billion, compared with the £1.1 billion estimate presented during the DCO examination, is deeply concerning. It raises important questions about the accuracy of the information on which the examination was based and whether cheaper alternatives have been properly considered.

SEAS proposed upgrading existing pylon corridors at an estimated cost of under £300 million. I believe this alternative deserves a proper, independent assessment before consumers are committed to such substantial expenditure. I am also concerned about the economic case for LionLink and whether it remains justified by current evidence.

Of serious concern, however, is the proposed G3 landfall site at Walberswick, where I live. The site is wholly unsuitable. Homes sit directly adjacent on two sides, with nearly half of the village homes within 500 metres and dozens much closer. Construction lasting two years or more, including weeks of 24/7 HDD drilling, would have a severe impact on residents through noise, vibration and light pollution. Elderly people, children and vulnerable residents would be particularly affected. The site is also close to protected habitats and wildlife. Construction traffic on the B1387, our sole access road, would cause serious disruption and create concerns about emergency access and evacuation. The impact on tourism, local businesses and jobs could also be considerable.

These are not abstract concerns for me. This is my home, and I am deeply worried about the effect that this development would have on our village and the people who live here.

I respectfully ask that, before these projects are allowed to proceed, the Government ensures that:

- Sea Link's need, cost and cheaper alternatives are independently reassessed.
- LionLink's economic and consumer case is reviewed using current evidence.
- Existing infrastructure and better coordinated offshore solutions are properly considered.

- The suitability of the Walberswick G3 landfall site is independently reviewed, with full consideration given to its impact on residents, the environment, traffic and the local economy.

The transition to Net Zero must take place in a way that protects consumers and respects the communities being asked to host this infrastructure.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Parry

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