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Cc: South East Anglia Link
Subject: Sea Link and a 'challenging budget'.
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Dear Jenny Riddell-Carpenter,

cc Planning Inspectorate

Re: Sea Link and a 'challenging budget'.

The Prime Minister has conceded that next month's Budget would be "challenging" according to the BBC (16 Sept 2026 Paul Seddon).

I understand that National Grid Electricity Transmission has now asked Ofgem to approve £3.197 billion (2023/24 prices) for Sea Link, almost triple the £1.157bn (2018/19 prices) used during the DCO examination. (SEAS 2026)

The justification for Sea Link is highly questionable. We could easily meet our transmission capacity needs by simply upgrading our existing overhead lines and grid infrastructure. Choosing this path avoids the inevitable delays, budget overruns, and massive expenses tied to such an overly complex project.

Given the unprecedented environmental crisis caused by multiple overlapping developments in this small area of Suffolk coast combined with the prevailing economic climate of rising inflation and escalating debt-servicing costs, moral and fiscal responsibilities dictate that Sea Link should be cancelled in favour of more cost-effective alternatives.

Kind regards

Nick Scarr