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Dear Secretary of State Miatta Fahnbulleh,

I'm writing regarding the interconnection LionLink which is sadly looking at the middle of our ancient, Suffolk seaside village of Walberswick as its landing site.

My grandfather settled in Walberswick when he fled [REDACTED] Germany in the 30's. My father was raised here, I have lived here my entire life and so have my children. My husband and I own the village shop which faces the field where the building is planned to take place. The impact of Lionlink on the shop will be devastating for the staff, the customers and the finances because of pollution, noise, visitor numbers and the utter misery that these years of operating opposite a building site will cause.

The entire village population has been looking at the alternatives for the past 2 years since it was first suggested, and there are SO MANY OPTIONS which don't involve partially destroying our community or shutting down the tourism which is the economic backbone of the village. Most obviously - an offshore grid which could land the energy on a brownfield site closer to London where most of the energy is destined - e.g. Bradwell-On-Sea.

We cannot believe this ancient village has been singled out to house this cable structure which could be placed in one of many brownfield sites, or on a stretch of coastland which is not populated... or ideally scrapped in favour of the far greener option of creating a central offshore grid where the cables could come ashore at an existing brownfield site closer to London where the demand is highest.

It is incredible to us that of all the routes available, that anyone would think ploughing through this - or ANY - sleepy, gentle village whose economy relies on tourism, is the right route to be taking.

I am aware that every route has its complications - but the choice of walberswick as the landing site will destroy our community, our wildlife, our ancient eco-systems, our economy and our hearts. It is a truly inappropriate option and the entire village begs you to reconsider.

With best wishes, and every hope for an offshore grid solution to this situation,

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