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18th September 2026

Dear Secretary of State

I am writing regarding the Sea Link DCO. I am not a listed recipient, but am writing due to severe concerns about the cost, process and value for money of Sea Link.

I welcome the Government's commitment to regulating household and business energy costs, but, with billions of pounds currently being invested in energy infrastructure projects, it is absolutely essential that these projects are carefully thought through to ensure that they are necessary, proportionate and good value.

The recent NAO report on upgrading the electricity network highlights weaknesses and recommends that Ofgem assess the effectiveness of its regulatory approach to protect consumers whilst supporting rapid delivery of network upgrades. These concerns are particularly relevant to Sea Link, which is now estimated to be likely to cost £3.2 billion, about 3 times the cost presented during the DCO examination, raising serious concerns about the reliability and transparency of the information presented at this examination.

The circumstances underpinning the stated need for Sea Link have also changed, with the proposed Nautilus interconnector being subsequently relocated. Ofgem has also identified other issues which may lead to additional works which have not yet been identified.

Suffolk Energy Action Solutions (SEAS) identified an alternative which would potentially save consumers up to £3 million.

These issues also should prompt renewed scrutiny of LionLink.

Given the NAO's recommendations, I urge the Government to require an independent and transparent reassessment of the economic need and consumer case for LionLink against current evidence.

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I support offshore wind energy and the transition to Net Zero, but not if this means accepting unnecessary expenditure and not if the cheaper, better coordinated and less damaging alternatives are not considered.

Yours sincerely,

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Sincerely,

**Your Name**