

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing regarding the South East Anglia Link and the current consideration of the project.

I would be grateful if the Secretary of State would ensure that the assessment of the project fully considers its cost, need and value for money, including the implications for electricity consumers.

I understand that Ofgem has assessed the cost of the project at approximately £3.2 billion. In view of the scale of this expenditure, I believe it is important that the decision-making process considers whether existing transmission infrastructure could instead be upgraded, and that any such alternative is properly compared with the proposed Sea Link in terms of cost, timescale, environmental impact and ability to deliver the required electricity transmission capacity.

I also ask that the evidence supporting the need for the proposed infrastructure is considered against the latest available information, rather than relying solely on earlier assumptions or forecasts.

These issues matter to me because major infrastructure costs can ultimately affect consumers and communities for many years. I therefore hope that all credible alternatives can be properly examined before a final decision is made.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours faithfully,

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