

Dear Secretary of State,

Sea Link - a cheaper and faster alternative

Two recent reports from Ofgem and the National Audit Office raise serious new questions about Sea Link's cost, its need and value for money. I welcome the government's commitment to reducing household energy costs, but with billions of pounds being invested in infrastructure, it is essential that projects are necessary and provide genuine value for consumers. Ofgem has now assessed Sea Link at approximately £3.2bn, about three times the cost originally presented. What is the true cost to consumers of delivering Sea Link? Have alternatives, using existing infrastructure, been fully considered?

Lion Link - a reassessment of economic need and of the proposed landfall site in Walberswick

The National Audit Office's concerns about consumer protection also prompts an independent and transparent reassessment of the economic need and consumer case for Lion Link. The latest proposed landfall site in Walberswick is as unsuitable as the two previously proposed sites: noise, impact on vulnerable people, disruption to wildlife, emergency vehicle access and the impact on local businesses are all reasons to re-assess, using current evidence. Energy bills and value for money are one thing; the impact on communities and the environment is another.

I support Mr Burnham's aim to achieve Net Zero by 2050 - there are cheaper, better-coordinated and less environmentally-damaging alternatives to achieve it. Please consider offshore solutions and the better use of existing infrastructure.

Thanks you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

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