

To: The Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, |
c/o: Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery Team, DESNZ |
Via Email: SouthEastAngliaLink@planninginspectorate.gov.uk |
Subject: Sea Link (EN020026) – Request for Information |

Dear Secretary of State, |

SEA LINK, LIONLINK AND VALUE FOR MONEY FOR CONSUMERS |

I am writing to you as a resident of Dunwich which is squeezed between Sizewell C and Walberswick. |

You will no doubt be aware of the major fire which took place on Dunwich Heath in late July. |
For us residents (as indeed for many others in the country), the fire came as a huge blow to our lives. Although nature will fight back, the timing could not have been worse with the extensive work been carried out at Sizewell C and the proposed major potential projects looking for permission (SeaLink and LionLink). |

I would encourage you and others to come to Suffolk and see for yourself the extent of the disruption caused by the Sizewell construction and witness the disruption involved in the wider area (additional traffic, endless road closures, dangerous driving by staff in small country lanes) as well as the disruption caused to wildlife, fauna, flora, animals. |

A short visit would make you realise to what extent our lives have been impacted and will remain impacted for many years to come. |

Have you asked yourself what impact this is having on people's mental health. |

And this is just Sizewell C. |

Looking back on it the state should have agreed on the principle that because of Sizewell C and its impact that there should be no other large energy projects on our bit of coast. I think that would have been a fair deal which would have been acceptable to the local community. |

But in practice, the contrary has happened. It seems that because we have Sizewell C we should have other major disruptive projects as well. And this could apply in the future as well. |

And now we have SeaLink and LionLink coming our way. |

Do you have any idea how isolated this makes the local community feel? That we have no chance because beyond a fairly low radius people don't really care. |

"It is the worse example of NIMBYism " we get told. Well, actually what is wrong about fighting for what you believe is right. |

On NIMBYism, one may try and come to terms with what is happening here if it were not for the fact that there are alternatives. And these alternatives are not been seriously considered by the project managers. In fact they refuse point blank. Why, but that is obvious. |

We attend meetings where representatives of National Grid's sole purpose is to evade questions from locals and pretend that they are on our side. |

But no-one is really on our side. No-one seems to be listening to our genuine grievances. That is what is so frustrating. |

What is so wrong about coordinated offshore solutions? |

And now we are told that National Grid have woefully underestimated the costs. |

So, this is another opportunity for you, Miatta, to give us local people a chance to a better future and take another look at the various options. |

I live at [REDACTED] with my wife and three spaniels and we would love to host you and walk you around the area so that you can get a true picture of what all these projects (plus the endless solar projects) mean to our small community. |

Please look at the alternatives. |

Thank you for your time. |

Yours sincerely, |

Harry Goodchild

