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The [REDACTED] MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero,
C/o: Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery Team, DESNZ

Sea Link, LionLink and value for money for consumers

I feel compelled to write in light of the recent important reports from Ofgem and the National Audit Office, which raises serious questions about the cost, deliverability and value for money of SeaLink and, and more widely, the effectiveness the current regulatory approach in protecting consumers.

I understand the Government's commitment to reducing energy costs. It is essential that projects of this kind are important, but that they provide genuine value for money for consumers.

These concerns are particularly relevant to Sea Link at approximately £3.2 billion, which is 3 times the cost presented during the DCO examination. Initially, National Grid presented an estimated project cost of approx. £1.1 billion.

I am very concerned that a project of this scale was examined without decision-makers and effected communities being given a realistic assessment of its likely cost.

The latest proposed landfall site in Walberswick (G3) is definitely unsuitable. Homes sit directly adjacent on two sides of the landfall site, with nearly half of all village homes within 500 metres with dozens much closer. This means unacceptably high levels of noise, vibration and light pollution from construction work lasting for 2 years or more with severe impacts from 24/7 HDD drilling for weeks on end.

There will be major impacts on elderly residents, children and vulnerable people will still be severe, along with significant disruption to wildlife on the protected habitats which are very close by. There will be severe traffic disruption and emergency evacuation risks arise from use of the B1387 which is the sole access road for residents and tens of thousands of visitors. There will be major impacts on recreational tourism, and threats to the viability of local businesses and jobs.

In conclusion, I would like the Government to reassess LionLink's economic and consumer case using current evidence, and see if coordinated offshore solutions, and better use of existing infrastructure could be further considered.

Yours sincerely,

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