

Dear Secretary of State,

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SEA LINK, LIONLINK AND VALUE FOR MONEY FOR CONSUMERS

I am writing following your letter of 28 August requesting further information from several parties in relation to the Sea Link DCO.

I welcome the Government's commitment to reducing household energy costs but at the moment it is the **Wild West** with no cohesive plan.

Each of the energy providers are trying to make money for their shareholders.

I believe that energy costs will not be reduced for the consumer.

Being a Suffolk resident and one who will be directly affected by the Lion link proposal - we will not benefit from anything.

Our village will be destroyed both economically and financially.

Communities and the environment are the sacrificial lambs.

Please reassess all costings as the greatest cost is the environment.

If all this goes ahead we will be a pylon country covered by solar farms and huge converter stations and substations with few trees, no birds or places to walk to stop, stand and stare.

We are creating vast energy hungry data bases but does anyone question the purpose of all this data.

The information presented about cost does not add up - please question yourself about what you are doing.

Please don't line the pockets of these money grabbing energy providers.

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LionLink, National Grid Ventures' proposed commercial multipurpose interconnector affecting the Suffolk coast. LionLink is not part of the Great Grid Upgrade. Ofgem expects LionLink to operate predominantly as an export route from Great Britain to the Netherlands, increasing GB wholesale electricity prices compared with the position without LionLink.

WE DON'T NEED MORE VENTURES IN SUFFOLK

Furthermore, I would also like to emphasise that in addition to the overall case against LionLink, the latest proposed landfall site in Walberswick (G3) is wholly unsuitable, as it was with the previous proposed sites at G & G2. 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.

Nowhere else in the country have these ventures been sited in the middle of an historic tourist village.

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.
- Impacts on elderly residents, children and vulnerable people will still be severe, along with significant disruption to wildlife on the protected habitats which lie in close proximity.
- 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.
- Significant impacts on recreational tourism, and consequent threats to the viability of local businesses and jobs.

I support offshore wind and the transition to Net Zero. However, achieving Net Zero shouldn't mean accepting unnecessary expenditure or successive major infrastructure projects without establishing whether there are cheaper, better coordinated and less environmentally damaging alternatives.

PLEASE LOOK AT CHEAPER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES.

- Sea Link's cheaper alternative is properly and independently assessed;
- LionLink's economic and consumer case is reassessed using current evidence; and
- coordinated offshore solutions and better use of existing infrastructure are fully considered.

STAND STRONG AND RE THINK

YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO THE RIGHT THING

Thank you for your consideration

Yours sincerely,

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