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Sent: Monday, September 21, 2026 12:05
To: South East Anglia Link
Subject: Fw: Sea Link (EN020026) – Request for Information

Dear Secretary of State,

SEA LINK and LIONLINK

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

Although I am not a listed recipient, Britten Pears Arts has been an interested party because of the impact that the projects will have on the charity's two visitor destinations which attract more than 600,000 visitors each year but are being materially impacted by the deluge of NSIPs.

This is a tough environment for tourism. Although it accounts for approximately 15% of employment in East Suffolk, tourism is fragile and over recent years has been impacted by Covid, heatwaves, cost of living, the rise in Employers National Insurance (which especially hits hospitality and retail), heatwaves and the forest fires of 2026. The largest impact throughout this period has been the relentless road closures connected to the building of Sizewell C. Between March and August 2026, Snape Maltings visitor numbers were down 7% on 2025 and the proposed Sea Link and Lion Link projects will add to the trauma that is putting people off coming to our area.

We therefore ask the Government to ensure that to avoid further harm to the visitor economy, cheaper and easier alternatives to the Sea Link and Lion Link projects are considered, such as the proposal for offshore solutions and better use of existing infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration

Yours sincerely,

Harry Young



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