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[You don't often get email from [REDACTED] Learn why this is important at [REDACTED]] Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero Dear Secretary of State, I am writing following your letter of 28th August requesting further information in relation to the Sea Link DCO. Two recent reports from Ofgem and the National Audit Office (NAO) raise serious questions about the cost, deliverability and value for money of Sea Link. The NAO report highlights weaknesses in scrutinising costs. At the DCO examination the cost of Sea Link put forward by National Grid were £1.1 billion even when challenged by SEAS who estimated them at £3.2 billion. Ofgem has now confirmed the SEAS figure would be correct. Why are National Grid unable to accurately cost their own projects? Sea Link was developed on the basis that there would be an export deficit at Friston of 1852 MW but now Nautilus Interconnector is no longer connecting through Friston the deficit is only estimated to be 352MW. At the DCO examination SEAS identified an alternative to Sea Link by upgrading and reconductoring existing pylon corridors at a cost of under £300 million. Why do we go ahead with a £3 billion plus project when a £300 million alternative is available? Yours sincerely Anthony Morley [REDACTED] Sent from my iPad