

To: The Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero,
c/o: Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery Team, DESNZ

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Subject: Sea Link (EN020026) – Request for Information

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Dear Secretary of State,

SEA LINK, LIONLINK AND SIZEWELL C

I am writing in response to your letter of 28 August requesting further information about the Sea Link project.

I am a resident of East Suffolk which is currently reeling under the impacts of the Sizewell C construction, as well as construction of infrastructure to support Scottish Power's offshore windfarms, including a sub-station at Friston. This region cannot take any more disruption, as the cumulative impacts not only impose an unfair burden on residents, but the projects risk delivery delays as they attempt to work around each other.

You are surely aware of the reports from Ofgem which raise serious questions about the cost, deliverability and value for money of Sea Link. Ofgem has now assessed Sea Link at approximately £3.2 billion – around three times the cost presented during the DCO examination.

As we experienced with Sizewell C, where there are multiple changes between the Examination and project delivery - not least in cost with Sizewell C estimated during the DCO Examination as costing £20 bn, and at Financial Close estimated at £38bn, there are serious concerns about the reliability and transparency of the information presented during the Sea Link Examination, leaving local people feeling misled and totally undermining any trust in National Grid Ventures and the process.

Given the NAO's concerns about consumer protection, and doubts about the extent to which Sea Link could function effectively, I call on you to cancel Sea Link and commission an independent and transparent reassessment of the economic need and consumer case for the additional National Grid Ventures project of LionLink against current evidence.

I strongly believe that LionLink is not justified, and that the plans are wholly unsuitable, including the latest proposed landfall site in Walberswick (G3) - as were 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 meaning unacceptable levels of noise, vibration and light pollution on elderly residents, children and vulnerable people, disruption to wildlife and significant impacts on tourism, threatening local businesses and jobs.

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

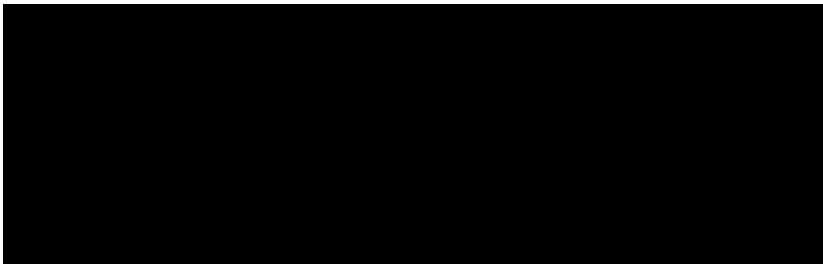
The energy transition needs public support. That support will be much stronger if people can see that Government is challenging unnecessary expenditure, protecting consumers and ensuring that the infrastructure being built is genuinely needed.

Before consumers and communities are committed to these projects, I therefore ask the Government to ensure that:

- **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.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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