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I am writing in connection with the Sealink project.
Given the number of projects currently being under consideration I ask you please to pause to analyse before more money is spent and more unnecessary destruction of Suffolk takes place.
The project is in danger of escalating cost due to issues not previously identified in earlier feasibility work.
Transportation of the transformers used at Friston has already surprised National Grid.
Firstly Sternfeld bridge will not take the size of transportation required and now necessitates building of a new road and bridge.. How did they not see this prior to scoping out the project?
Now they face an identical problem with Benhall bridge.
This requires strengthening of the bridge along with road alterations around the A12 and B1119.
Disruption of the branch line from Lowestoft to Ipswich add to cost and destruction
How much extra money must be pumped into the project ?
No mention yet of the battery storage required in a HVDC system.

I am in support of government efforts to transition to clean energy . Nett zero 2050 initiative surely should be well thought out and time allowed to make the right decision for Suffolk and the UK as a whole

Thank you

Kind regards

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During the DCO examination, Suffolk Energy Action Solutions (SEAS) identified an alternative based on upgrading and reconductoring existing pylon corridor in Suffolk and Kent. This is estimated to cost under £300 million, compared with £3.2 billion for Sea Link – a potential saving to consumers approaching £3 billion. The alternative could also potentially be delivered more quickly, while making better use of infrastructure that

already exists and avoiding much of the new onshore infrastructure, environmental damage and disruption to communities associated with Sea Link. [Please add a short personal paragraph here explaining why this matters to you – for example, concerns about energy bills and value for money, or the cumulative impacts of major energy projects on East Suffolk, its communities and environment.] I support the transition to Net Zero and recognise that Britain's electricity network needs substantial investment. But achieving Net Zero should not mean spending billions of pounds on new infrastructure without first properly examining whether the same network need can be met more quickly and at a fraction of the cost by upgrading existing infrastructure. Before consumers are committed to expenditure of £3.2 billion or more on Sea Link, I therefore urge the Government to ensure that the SEAS alternative is independently and transparently assessed against Sea Link on cost, delivery time, network capacity and environmental impact. If a solution costing under £300 million can deliver the required network reinforcement faster than a £3.2 billion project, surely it should be properly examined before billions of pounds of consumers' money are committed.