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To: South East Anglia Link
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Dear Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh MP.,

I am writing to draw your attention to the unprecedented amount of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects impacting a 5 square mile of rural Suffolk. We are under siege from NSIP's from Sizewell C, SeaLink, LionLink, solar farms, Suffolk and Essex Water upgrade for Sizewell C, and more with scope for a further convertor station in Saxmundham in the future.

I see from your history you have strong beliefs in tackling the cost-of-living crisis, and with the recent DCO that will be landing with you shortly for decision on SeaLink by National Grid, I implore you to look at alternatives to the outdated and destructive proposals from National Grid. There has been a massive local reaction to these proposals with over 6,000 people objecting due to many negative impacts on the community, people, landscape, wildlife and environment, for which National Grid have been condescending in any feedback and seem to feel it will all be rubber stamped by your predecessor as a matter of course as they never lose these cases.

An alternative solution has been proposed, and in line with your cost of livening beliefs, I think it is something to be considered. By upgrading and reconditioning the current overhead transmission lines, there are savings of more than £2.5 Billion saving the destruction of SSSI sites, communities and the environment in Suffolk and Kent. Ofgem has now assessed the cost has risen from National Grid's initial proposal of £1.1 Billion to £3.2 Billion, this cannot be good value for money or an investment the government should approve.

There is now new evidence that SeaLink has not been developed or tested to confirm it can transmit energy at the 1,852MW to Friston Substation. If taken into consideration with Nautilus being located at the Isle of Grain, the true output is estimated at 352MW so the rationale for a £3.2 Billion spend is negated.

On a health and safety perspective, and as I live around 300 metres from the boundary, I am concerned with the new information from Ofgem who have identified unresolved harmonic issues which will require additional works elsewhere on the transmission network before Sea Link can operate compliantly at 2GW capacity. The precise size and location and cost of these works have yet to be confirmed which also excludes reinforcement between Richborough and Canterbury in Kent. This additional cost is excluded from NGET's current £3.2 billion Project Assessment.

I know you will have a hill to climb in your workload with the role you are now in, if there is any way you can visit Suffolk Coastal and see the impact this is having on the area and its communities, can I ask you to make time for that before any decisions are finalised on the SeaLink project.

Kind regards

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