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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to ask you not to approve Sea Link in its current form.

I am particularly concerned about Alternative Cable Route to Site 3 (Option 1). East Suffolk Council has already recorded that this route would have to cross either Sizewell Marshes SSSI or Aldhurst Farm, describing both as sensitive wetland habitats of at least national nature-conservation importance and questioning whether the impacts of constructing a cable route through them could be adequately mitigated.

This should be a red line. These marshes are fragile wetland systems, not spare land available for industrial construction. Once their ecology and hydrology are disturbed, mitigation afterwards is no substitute for avoiding the damage in the first place. Please do not allow nationally important marshland to be destroyed when less damaging alternatives may exist.

That concern is even harder to justify given the wider questions now being raised about Sea Link's cost, need and alternatives. The National Audit Office has stressed that transmission upgrades need stronger scrutiny and must be delivered at the lowest cost to consumers, while Ofgem is currently consulting on its project assessment of Sea Link.

SEAS has proposed an alternative based on upgrading and reconductoring existing pylon corridors, which it estimates could cost under £300 million. Whether that estimate ultimately proves correct should be independently tested. But an alternative offering potentially much lower cost and substantially less environmental damage surely needs to be properly examined before irreversible damage to the Suffolk landscape is authorised.

I support the need to upgrade Britain's electricity network. That makes it even more important that we choose the right infrastructure and the least destructive route.

Please protect these marshes and require a proper independent assessment of the alternatives before any decision is taken.

Yours sincerely,

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