
Fw: Interested Party Reference number: [REDACTED] response to Secretary Of State抐
information request re Sea Link

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Benthic
mitigation plan
condition

Because
National Grid lie
about
everything all
the mitigation
for damage
should be
secured before
harm takes
place. Who is
going to do the
monitoring after

the work has been completed? We know that National Grid have no interest in a project once completed.

4	Intertidal features Sandwich Bay to Hacklinge Marshes SSSI	Unfortunately, the problems caused by National Grid when they constructed the Nemo Link are ongoing. When it comes to nature National Grid have no interest whatsoever in preventing harm and the cumulative impact on the SSSI. How many cables are they going to run under and through Pegwell Bay before they are satisfied?
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5	Chalk habitat and EN-1 para 5.4.53	National Grid agree that the chalk is irreplaceable which proves the point that this location should not be used for Sea Link. There are alternatives but not so convenient.
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6-7	Hovercraft at Pegwell Bay	My understanding is Thanet District Council has refused National Grid request to use the Hoverport as a lorry park. Needless to say all the wild life including grey seals will be at risk if this project is given the go ahead.
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16	Breeding birds Sandwich Bay to Hacklinge Marshes SSSI	I doubt whether National Grid have any interest in breeding birds and will no doubt ignore any restraints in this regard. If this project gets the go ahead we can safely assume that no bird breeding will take place on the Marshes for at least four years.
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16	Breeding birds Sandwich Bay to Hacklinge Marshes SSSI	National Grid must commit to no working from March to September at the SSSI to avoid disturbing breeding birds. Their inclusion of the words 'after a nest check' should be taken out. They have already put up a site office next to a barn owl box on Minster Marshes that we know was in
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use by barn
owls.

19	Overhead-line collision monitoring	Diverter fitted to power lines from the start, not after collisions have happened. We should assume that National will not undertake any monitoring before during or if this project is approved. National grid lie for fun.
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21-22	Hazel dormouse Kent	Independent surveys are needed. National Grid cannot be trusted.
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26 and 33	Unexploded ordnance (UXO)	As long as it is the employees of National Grid that get blown up I am not bothered what they do. If wild life is effected then this is a different matter.
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28	Saltmarsh survey and mudflat access routes	These should be ironed out before work starts otherwise it won't happen.
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32	No Pegwell landfall works November to February	My question on this is who is going to independently monitor
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National Grid and no work should be done during this period at Pegwell Bay in order to protect the migratory overwintering bird population?

44	Tourism in Suffolk and Kent	No work should be done between July and August as this is a key area for tourism in Thanet. The compensation they have offered our community is derisory. They have said that Thanet's tourism industry won't be impacted. More lies from National Grid. I have never known an organisation lie as much as this one I guess this is because their biggest investor is in the pocket of the Republican Party in the US.
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55	Converter station noise (Minster 9B and 11 inside Requirement 18; Friston 1B excluded)	What about light pollution? Once again this will need monitoring but who will do it? Hopefully, not National Grid!
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