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South East Anglia Link

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Dear Minister

Thank you for the opportunity to add to my previous submissions in regard to the “sealink” project which I feel is a good idea in principal, however in this application I feel its poor positioning will forever be a problem.

6-7 Hovercraft? I was unaware that hovercraft were to be used at all at this site including emergency use.

What is considered emergency use? and how will this be policed? Being a former hoverport we are well aware of the noise pollution involved with hovercraft in fact originally when hoverport operations commenced it was regarded necessary for houses overlooking the landing area to be fitted with triple glazing to help with noise pollution. Is this being offered by national grid? should it be? The impact on wildlife in this fragile (sssi) area will also be far reaching. Therefore I wholeheartedly agree with both Natural England and KWT,s requests.

13 I do not understand how National grid can be granted permission to build a Converter station with no definitive design submitted. It makes a mockery of the planning inspectorate to allow the building to go ahead with no fixed design or exact positioning or size or building spec.

I have no comment on the building because the plans remain un-proposed however as a builder myself I can state with all certainty that building on a marsh is a poor plan that will fail eventually and will heamorage money until it does fail.

16 Breeding birds

National grid or at least some of the people it employs appear insensitive to the demands of nature I am no expert but checking nests seems to be pretty invasive. As does teams of men in bright orange walking and laughing in sensitive areas which are restricted to the public. An enforceable commitment must be given by national grid that no works are undertaken (assuming they are given permission to start in the first place) between march and September to avoid disturbing breeding birds. I feel a qualified

ornithologist should be employed to oversee no harm to bird life during all months of the year.

19 Overhead line collision monitoring

This can only seriously be considered from the very start why wait for an incident to happen before fitting diverters. Therefore I support the KWT's requests for diverters to be fitted from the beginning and to monitor for five years rather than two.

28 Access routes to be agreed before application is signed off

This is a similar situation to the "flexible" design approach it is not possible to comment on something that has not been proposed. A clear and detailed plan detailing routes, dimensions, access points and construction methods must be submitted for scrutiny prior to application not after when there is no recourse .

32 Pegwell bay migratory birds over winter

Of great importance is the need to stop work (assuming it is ever allowed to start) over winter (November to February) when birds are overwintering. This important strategic migrating area is a stop over for migrating birds travelling from Africa, Europe and Scandinavia. Interfering with the breeding and migration patterns will have an adverse effect on our neighbours friends and allies unbalancing the natural ecosystems on these continents. I thought this was covered by international laws specifically designed to prevent the actions of one country affecting the ecosystems of others.

44 Tourism and day tripping

To state that there will be no impact on tourism and day tripping is inaccurate. There is a tradition established over many years for schools to bring students for day trips and environmental studies. Hospices and day care centres bring mini buses to the Viking ship picnic area for rest and recreation, the area is flat, well paved and has a cafe which all attract the old, infirm and disabled for a breath of fresh Kentish air by the sea. In addition locals and holiday makers are attracted for the same reasons along with dog walkers and horse riders. It is rare to see no one there even on the worst weather days.

Yours

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