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As a resident of the area, I do not support the SeaLink project.
My particular concern is about the catastrophic impact this complex project will have upon the environment and the unique and fragile ecological systems that exist at Minster Marshes & Pegwell Bay in Kent.
The complexity of the SeaLink proposal, the damage & disruption that will be caused to local communities, marine & bird life, environment and to the consumer is, to my mind, too high a price to pay, especially as an alternative proposal has been forwarded by Suffolk energy action solutions, which is to upgrade the already existing infrastructure, thereby greatly reducing the already escalating costs and the time it would take to complete.
SEAS has proposed upgrading & re conducting existing transmission corridors in Suffolk & Kent reducing the estimated cost from £3.2 billion to £300 million.
These are extraordinarily sums of money and I ask at what point should a responsible government be prepared to say enough?
The inevitable delays, disruption and increased costs, due to the complexity of such a huge project will have a devastating impact on local communities & an already nature-depleted country…think HS2 and the appalling escalation of cost & environmental harm associated with that project.
I think that before any final commitment to the SeaLink project is made, there ought to be an independent and thorough comparison made with the SEAS proposal to upgrade the existing infrastructure.
Thank you for considering my objection to this project.
Joanna Elliott