From: Mel Haselden [redacted]>
Sent: 03 September 2026 16:22
To: DESNZ Correspondence <[redacted]>
Cc: Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP [redacted]; Secretary of State (Miatta Fahnbulleh) <[redacted]>
Subject: Inadequate Reply // Re: A response from DESNZ to your recent query - DESNZ ref: TOB2026/11438

Dear DESNZ,

Thank you for your letter of 3 September (below), from [redacted].

I should point out that your letter refers to “his decision” in relation to the Secretary of State.

The current Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero is in fact The Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh MP.

I mention this because in correspondence concerning a critical imminent ministerial decision, accuracy and attention to current context are important.

I note your confirmation that my correspondence will be treated as a representation and carefully considered alongside all matters relevant to the decision on the Sea Link application.

However, my overarching question – which, clearly, is not only about the Secretary of State's ‘quasi-judicial role’ in relation to Sea Link – remains unanswered.

You will note my question applies to **all** ongoing projects.

I repeat: exactly how will the Government’s new Electricity Transmission Design Principles (ETDP) apply in practice to the wider concentration of major infrastructure projects in Suffolk Coastal, including Sea Link?

As National Grid LionLink has itself confirmed:

“There is no single consent process that assesses all projects collectively.”

Given this – what mechanism ensures that the cumulative picture is considered at Government level?

And will the ETDP inform the Secretary of State's consideration of all projects, including Sea Link, in the wider context of this compounded spatial concentration burden.

I would be grateful for a clear and direct answer from you.

With best wishes,

Mel Haselden

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On 3 Sep 2026, at 15:14, DESNZ Correspondence <correspondence@energysecurity.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Mel Haselden,

Please find attached a response to your recent query to DESNZ.

Yours sincerely,

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DESNZ Correspondence

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