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The Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh, MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
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Sent by email only

Dear Secretary of State,

First, congratulations on your appointment.

I am sorry to have to write to you so swiftly with a complaint but the accompanying letter that I found it necessary to send to the Chief Executive of National Grid is relatively self-explanatory.

I would like to think that you will decline to endorse the planning application for the Sea Link Project and for the building of a conversion station on the Minister marshes even if the inspector – who has yet to report – recommends acceptance. In the meantime, it is clearly unacceptable for Grid to start work on the site without any formal consents. I would like to think that you will ensure that a halt is called to this work and to remind the Grid that they are bound by the same laws as ordinary mortals.

With my personal best wishes.

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Ms. Zoë Yujnovich - Chief Executive
National Grid PLC
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Sent by email only: edpublicaffairs@nationalgrid.com

Dear Ms. Yujnovich,

National Grid - "Sea Link"

My constituent George Cooper who has lodged significant objections – as have I – to the proposed "Sea Link" and the desecration of Minster Marshes informs me that archaeological work has commenced on the proposed site without planning consent.

We are of course aware of National Grid's cavalier attitude towards planning applications, but I nevertheless believe that you should take some responsibility. Unfortunately, because the House of Commons is not sitting at the moment, I am unable to raise this on the floor of the House but be assured I shall be writing to the new Secretary of State to inform her of my concerns.

With my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Sir Roger Gale MP

cc Ms. Miatta Fahnbulleh – Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.