To: Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh,

Secretary of State for Energy and Security, and Net Zero.

Subject: Value for Money Maintaining our Natural World

for Future Generations.

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Dear Rt Hon Miatta Fahnbulleh MP,

I wish to congratulate you on your appointment as Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

I am writing to you, to draw your attention to the number of unprecedented number of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPS) proposed for Suffolk Coastal, Pegwell -Village Nature Reserve and Minster Marshes. The cost if going ahead, and the impact on local communities, people's health (both physical/and mental health) and well-being. The impact on the environment, with the eco-system of this area being totally destroyed. A natural landscape that currently thrives ,with multiple species of bird life, insects, rare plants, and animals which have now returned to breed in this area.

Pegwell and Minster Marshes provide a retreat for a socially deprived area, for the wider community: Thanet mainly being a seasonal holiday area. Hence, the average wage is very low. Unemployment is high.

The beauty of this area is being able to walk ,take your family onto Pegwell Nature Reserve/Minster Marshes and show them the bio-diversity, and educate them of the importance of our natural world. This costs nothing in monetary terms but the knowledge and understanding of maintaining this planet for future generations cannot be over emphasised.

Also , it provides a de- stressor for those people who are finding it difficult to provide for their family on a daily basis because money is in short supply:, being at one with nature revitalizes the soul.

I am on Pegwell and Minster Marshes virtually everyday, and see many of my former patient's there with their family having a picnics, and being free to explore the bio-diversity of the Forna and Flora. People come from all over Kent,and other counties. We must ensure they avoid destruction from the proposed National Grid Scheme.

One of the most important issues in relation to your portfolio, is your determination to tackle the cost of living crisis. During the recently concluded DCO examination of the National Grid Sea Link project (which you will soon be reviewing) an alternative solution was identified that would achieve the same strategic objectives whilst saving more than 2.5 billion pounds, without delaying net zero. Or compromising the resilience of the electricity network.

This saving can be achieved by upgrading and reconductoring the existing overhead transmission lines in both Suffolk and Kent using new technologies..

At a time when households continue to face pressure from high energy costs it is difficult to justify pursuing a more expensive option when a credible , lower-cost alternatives exists.

I would urge you to visit the Suffolk Coastal to see first-hand the scale of the development being proposed and the cumulative effects it is having on the area and its people. Seeing the landscape, communities and the environmentally important sites in person provide valuable context for the decision that lies ahead.

I would also like you to note that NG SEA LINK without planning permission have already started to dig in Pegwell/Minster Marshes. Yet, no formal decision has been confirmed.

I and other's have made our objection's known to Thanet Council.

NGSL have also tried to bribe the community to accept them in the area, promising large amount's of money, for community funding. Stating they would add this tree, that tree to the landscape. They have no understanding of the bio-diversity which we see today, has taken hundreds of years to achieve.

The whole handling of the situation to date by Thanet Council and the NGSL stinks quite frankly. Yet another large corporation running rough shod over the ordinary person. But this area of Pegwell and Minster Marshes once destroyed will not return. We cannot let this happen.

Yours sincerely,

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