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From: “Michael Demetriou” <[redacted]>
Address: [redacted]
Date Sent: 09 Sep 26 23:37
Subject: URGENT RFI RESPONSE: SEA LINK (EN020026)

Dear Mister Burnham, I am writing to you about the OFGEM ASTI consultation on funding for National Grid’s Sea Link project.

The cost is estimated by OFGEM to have risen from £1.2bn to nearly £3.2bn, due to unforeseen issues (building on a marsh!). This deeply flawed scheme cannot be considered value for public money at a time when it could be so much better used elsewhere. It can be shown to not be needed to meet the shortfall in grid capacity due to developments elsewhere and newer technology now available.
I very much support the need to move to a green economy and bolster our energy security, but not when it comes at the

unnecessary expense of precious natural habitats and the livelihoods of the vital local tourism industry.
Despite permission not having been granted, National Grid have already begun extensive destructive work on private properly on the marsh loop and appear to be treating this as a done deal. As a lifelong [redacted] voter I fear this will cost [redacted] this seat.