From Suffolk Energy Action Solutions ("SEAS") and Substation Action Save East Suffolk ("SASES")

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By email: c/o Contact Sealink

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Attn: Stephen Mart

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Dear Stephen Mart,

Re: Sea Link – NGET electricity link between Suffolk and Kent

We have been advised by some of the local Town and Parish Councils that you have sent a letter early January 2022 suggesting a briefing meeting to inform councillors of the Sea Link project background and next steps. We welcome this early engagement from NGET.

However, we are concerned by the narrow remit of this early stakeholder briefing.

1. For such a significant infrastructure project you have omitted to invite some of the locally affected Parish Councils. We urge you to invite all local Town and Parish Councils in the Saxmundham, Leiston and Aldeburgh ward areas.

2. We assume that you have invited the RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB. However, there are many local community groups such as SASES, SEAS, Save Our Sandlings, Alde and Ore, Aldeburgh Society, Aldeburgh Business Association, Suffolk Preservation Society, to name a few, who have a keen interest in Sea Link and represent the views and concerns of the residents in the area. We would like to propose a community group briefing to be held at this early stage alongside the Town and Parish Council meetings. We would be happy to organise a venue for this meeting. Many local community groups are more engaged in energy project issues than some of the Councils and we believe that it is important that they are briefed accordingly and recognised from the outset as an important Stakeholder.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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