

SEAS - SEALINK Feedback Email template:

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SUGGESTIONS FOR WHAT TO WRITE:

In the subject line please put:

‘Response to SeaLink Statutory Consultation’ or similar.

Introduction: please explain your connection to the area and your experience of the SeaLink consultation.

General paragraph: state whether you are in favour of or opposed to offshore wind energy, in principle, and why you are against this proposal and the benefits of an offshore grid solution.

(The above feedback is enough if this is all you want to write, as long as you include your contact details ‘name and address’. If you wish to be updated about this project going forward do include your email address and ask for updates.)

For those who want to write in more detail some guidance below:

- **PLEASE DO NOT SIMPLY COPY ALL THE POINTS BELOW**
- *If you do this our feedback will not have the same overall impact and could be discounted by the developer as a duplicate*
- *Please choose the issues and headings that concern you most and where you have an opinion to share, choosing only one or two points under each heading and expand on them yourself.*
- **PLEASE PERSONALISE THE RESPONSE BY ADDING SOME OF YOUR OWN WORDS**
- *This is by no means a definitive list. Ideally start with your main bullet points and then follow with further detail, using our prompts where useful.*

Site Selection – converter stations – reasons why it is the wrong location:

- an area of grade 1 arable land with a main crop of wheat and beans
- displacing a family farm and home
- one of the highest points within the Saxmundham area causing likely flooding issues due to run off
- each converter station 26 metres high covering 12 football pitches, dominating the town of Saxmundham and the village of Sternfield
- an enormous eyesore changing the landscape in a rural area

Landfall – Aldeburgh Beach and RSPB North Warren

- unsuitability and fragility of Aldeburgh Beach and RSPB North Warren as the proposed site for drilling a cable run
- adjacent to protected lands such as AONB and SSSI
- risking 75 years of conservation work and wildlife habitats
- will disrupt bird migration
- winter sanctuary for duck, Marsh Harrier, Bitterns and Red Deer.
- instability from drilling vibrations
- risk of toxic chemical leaks - disruption on Thorpe Road.

Cable Corridor

- passing through environmentally sensitive areas - displacement of wildlife that could be permanent
- compounds and worker facilities add to the land required
- access roads will need to be built for cable construction
- severance of wildlife corridors as seen already from Sizewell C pre-works

Traffic

- local road network unsuitable for the high traffic levels. - disruption from access roads South and North of Saxmundham - narrow B roads unable to take abnormal loads.
- fly parking by workers
- cumulative impact from other projects not considered.
- damage to verges and roadside drainage.
- danger to pedestrians and cyclist
- emergency services response times further increased
- jeopardizing Nuclear evacuation route
- disruption to everyday life e.g. Home deliveries, school runs, medical appointments, carer visits
- loss of trade, impact on business due to late deliveries reduction of tourist visitor income - loss of 'Quiet Lanes'.
- limited individual access roads to towns and villages East of the A12 - increased danger threat to local residential traffic. emergency services will be delayed as roads become gridlocked.
- the construction of Sizewell C, Friston substations and a Saxmundham converters will be occurring simultaneously amounting to hundreds of extra vehicles every day on these rural roads

Footpaths and Bridleways

- permanent and temporary closure of many PROWs (footpaths, bridleways, byways and cycle paths) for the 4 to 12 year project duration. Used by many locals and visitors for a multitude of recreational pursuits.

Pollution

- **Light**
- loss of dark skies during construction (4 to 12 years) and permanent security lights and converter station and substation.
- **Noise**
- loss of peace and tranquillity due to construction and operational hum of the Converter Stations heard by residents and visitors to the area.
- **Air**
- pollution from HGV emissions, service vehicles and worker traffic.
- light sandy soil blows when disturbed, causing visibility hazard and health issues - soil seepage into residential and business properties

Flood Risk

- uncertainty of flood risks as seen from recent events.
- run off from fields
- river banks being breached
- potentially heavier downpours from climate change
- sea level rise destroying fresh water marshes
- risk to properties and businesses
- a limited number of alternative routes to avoid flooding.

Cumulative impact

- the cumulative impact on local communities and environment of up to six energy projects occurring at the same time or one after the other, over 12 to 15 years has not been fully taken into account.
- nor has other housing, road and utility projects causing increased traffic pollution, health and other risks to residents' daily lives and business activities.
- if two other energy projects are co-located into the same area as SeaLink the impact is three times as each project is operated by separate developers.

Tourism

- impact on tourism. 4,500 local people employed in this valuable industry.
- visitors come for the peace, tranquillity and 'off-grid' experience which the Heritage Coast offers.
- this is the most important revenue sector, and it is forecast that there will be a year-on-year decline of 15% (source DMO report quantitative study Sept 2019).
- visitors will go to more attractive places where there are no major infrastructure projects.

- jobs will be lost. (There are no meaningful jobs associated with these projects, hence a net loss)

Offshore Transmission Network

- you have ignored previous consultation feedback requests
- no offshore assessment
- no brownfield sites assessment such as Bradwell
- there would be no need for SeaLink if pilot tests like East Anglia One North and East Anglia two pooled their energy to LionLink and took the power to Bradwell.

This not a complete list of the many concerns, such as Human Health, listed buildings e.g. St John the Baptist, etc. If you have other info or concerns then please include along with how this may personally affect you

Sign off with your name and address

And if you wish request to receive updates.

There is plenty time to complete this before the Deadline of 18 December and there will be workshops in Sax and Aldeburgh should you need any help.