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Dear Sir/Madam,

Our Reference Numbers 20024331 and 20024332

I am writing on behalf of both my wife and me to once more express our absolute dismay at the new developments in this long-running saga! Not only have we got the possibility that huge wide cable runs will cut across our beautiful and protected (SSSIs and ANOBs, SPAs etc...) coastline and hinterland, together with the most un-imaginably massive interconnector buildings possibly to be centered on a beautiful medieval village (Friston), but now we have the added prospect of SAE Link Interconnector! It's unbelievable how even the slightest attention could ever be given to such a Gotham-style undertaking on a beautiful and pristine landscape! The proposed SEA Link would add insult to injury by adding a fifth power source connection to the 'hub', and who knows how many more, in the apocalyptic event that this whole scheme is given the go-ahead. The cumulative impact would be totally devastating to the area - to humans, to wildlife, to the economy of the area and to the very countryside we all realise is such a precious natural asset to mankind.....
IT CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN!

Once again, we urge all decision-makers to consider a split decision whereby the offshore wind farms are given the go-ahead (we have no objection to that at all), but that the on-shore infrastructure proposals are firmly rejected in favour of one of the much more suitable and sensible options available by bringing the wind power onshore at existing brownfield site/s not far away - ie at Bradwell or Grain. Many of these alternative sites/solutions would provide a better, greener solution, and would be far more in-line with the Government's environmental policy. Furthermore, in this way, the overpowering intrusion and what would be lasting damage of the interconnection site could be removed from our precious coastline and the damage mitigated almost entirely. We must have joined-up, sensible planning, not piecemeal disastrous decision-making, please.

As an aside, the recent changes to the Highway Code relating to the road-rights of cyclists will make all the road safety issues relating to the construction of such a proposed development even more pressing. This area is a magnet for cyclists who love the open countryside, the wildlife and the (almost) total lack of hills. We also have the prospect of the construction of Sizewell C and all the road safety problems which that will bring to our local network of narrow roads and lanes. The dual-carriageway on the A12 running north towards our locality finishes at Wickham Market, which is quite some way to the south! It would be a double-whammy mistake of the most enormous proportions to allow the interconnector development to proceed at what will inevitably be at about the same time!

Go for a split decision, please!

Yours faithfully,

Simon Seymour-Taylor

