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Dear Sir

NGV LIONLINK – STATUTORY CONSULTATION

LionLink was debated at the Cabinet meeting of the 24 February under Agenda item 6.

The Cabinet:

- a) approved the submission of the Consultation Response to National Grid Ventures (NGV) and objected to the LionLink scheme based on the considerations and concerns set out in the report, including the choice of Walberswick for a landing site, which the Council considered wholly inappropriate, and the long HVDC cable route to Saxmundham;
- b) approved the submission of the Consultation Response to National Grid Ventures (NGV) based on the considerations and concerns set out in the report;
- c) authorised the Executive Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Devolution, Local Government Reorganisation and NSIPs, to make minor amendments to the draft Consultation Response;
- d) authorised the Executive Director for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Devolution, Local Government Reorganisation and NSIPs, to continue working with NGV with the aim of securing improvements on matters highlighted of being of concern; and
- e) continue to raise the Council's concerns with Government regarding the cumulative impacts resulting from the development of this and other energy projects in Suffolk.

I attach the relevant Cabinet Report and completed Online Proforma which together with this Covering Letter form the basis of the Council's response to the Statutory Consultation.

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Cabinet will be submitted for the approval of the Cabinet at the next meeting. I have been asked however to draw your attention to the unacceptable impacts upon Walberswick, including upon residential amenity from in particular the around the clock horizontal directional drilling. Concern was also expressed at the Cabinet meeting in respect of the knock-on effects upon tourism in Walberswick and the surrounding area including tourism employment associated with holiday accommodation and services.

Yours faithfully,

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