

I want to express my alarm at the cumulative effects of multiple building projects in the Suffolk Coastal area near Saxmundham. I have lived in Saxmundham for 6 years and I commute daily on a bicycle to Framlingham, seeing the countryside and the nature that fills it at first hand. I see the damage to the environment that is occurring in multiple locations along the A12 and elsewhere and it is deeply upsetting. I am confused by the confusion that surrounds these projects from the viewpoint of a relatively well informed member of the public. The suggestion that our train service may be disrupted long term if the Benhall bridge needs to be strengthened. The suggestion that Sealink and the other planned substations (which will surely follow if Sealink is approved) would not just act as relay stations that distribute electricity but also as trading platforms through which electricity could be bought and sold - making them profit-making exercises rather than just a means of bringing good clean energy onshore. I don't know if these suggestions are true, have elements of truth, or are false. The uncertainty and confusion undermine any sense that the projects are for the 'greater good'. It is impossible to avoid the suspicion that our local area, with its open spaces and low level of population, is seen as an easy target for those who want to make these projects happen to pre-agreed timelines and budgets. How can you mitigate for a loss of quality of life, for the destruction of the environment, and for the feeling that we are tiny cogs in a machine whose direction is pre-ordained?