

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak

I feel that so much has been said so eloquently and with great feeling and passion there is probably no more that I can add. However as a local resident and someone who has spent all my life in this part of Suffolk I feel such a strong sense of belonging to a part of the British Isles that we always understood as the Heritage Coast. Aptly named as a place of diverse and rare natural habitats, an ecologically fragile area of wetlands, ancient forests and coastal heathland that **must** be kept in its natural state for our grandchildren and future generations. But now the horror story is unfolding and we are about to lose this outstanding area of natural beauty to be scarred by gigantic industrial structures and our Heritage Coast is now being known as the Energy Coast and will become one of the largest Industrial estates in the UK.

For the next 15 years we will be living in a building site of gigantic proportions, sitting in endless traffic jams, hearing the sound of construction, and a work force of thousands to be housed locally. And by the time the whole area has been destroyed there will be new technology which will make this whole project a white elephant.

The cumulative impact of the National Grid's land grab across the region will be intolerable and impossible for the local infrastructure to bear as we have heard through this hearing of more plans including a thousand acre solar park adjacent to the existing plans on top of the construction of Sizewell C. Where will it end?

We are living during a critical time of climate change on the planet and we do have a responsibility to do all we can to use alternative energy but we have a duty to keep our beautiful and productive country side for future generations.

There are alternative off shore solutions which have already proved to be economically viable, as we see what our European neighbours are achieving. They are way ahead of us. These disastrous plans must go off shore and to Brownfield sites

I hope that this panel will make sure that our voice is heard.