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As a resident of Saxmundham who has lived in the area for nearly 30 years, to now witness the needless destruction of our countryside and most of all our communities, is devastating. The thought of my peace and tranquillity in retirement being shattered after years of hard work, as with many other residents, is my worst nightmare.

This project is of no benefit to our area, community or future. In fact, it is a disgrace that it should have been considered for this town, area or county in the first place. The simple fact is, it would be of an advantage and save the country a fortune in finance, and keep our fresh and clean air for all, if it were put offshore where it can be distributed to where it needs to be.

Hopefully you've all had a drive around what was once our beautiful unspoilt area, with its many species of wildlife and precious, delicate areas for birds and animals to thrive and live out their lives in peace. This always has been in co-ordination with the residents of the communities nearby.

This area has been unnecessarily taken over and abused by many different factions of so-called energy producers, without co-ordination with any of the other projects going on in the area or very much public consultation. It's shambolic, disorganised and of great detriment to us tax paying residents. All our lives have been completely disrupted by the other works in the area with additions of thousands of workers and as they keep promising, more to come. The A12 is so noisy and constantly filled with traffic now, that it's quite impassable and impossible to navigate the many junctions which are causing increased numbers of accidents for the unwary.

No extra police, doctors or schools have been in the planning for this influx of many. The nearest hospital is Ipswich, 40 minutes away by road.

The mere volume of earthworks and disruption, trucks, diggers etc, has caused so much dust in Saxmundham this past summer, plus the use of our water, which caused a great deal of discomfort to many residents for weeks, with murky and discoloured water, whilst it was being pumped out into tankers to be distributed to other projects out of town where there is no water.

When it rains there is mud everywhere with roadsides being torn up by massive machine wheels and the rest of the time its horns blowing and even more trucks hurtling around the streets and roads at all hours of the day and night, with big arc lights blazing, cutting out our beautiful wide and wonderful night skies.

On the same day of our representation to the DCO there was an open display by East Suffolk Water regarding a recycling, transfer and storage project planned for

Saxmundham ... mainly to supply recycled sewerage from Lowestoft to surrounding areas. Storing it in Saxmundham to provide water for Sizewell C.

Another earth works and pipe work from Lowestoft via different treatment plants to Saxmundham to provide other areas, where due to lack of planning, forethought and organisation we must carry the burden for all. What happens to our wastewater? Why couldn't we have our own treatment plant to serve our own communities. Sizewell should have its own desalination plant and should be able to recycle their own water and wastewater.

15 years of disruption, expense, noise, pollution and constant changes to our once amazingly full and wonderful lives, living in this once idyllic part of the east coast.

Mind blowing to think of the amount of all this again being in our local area 200 metres away from large estates, should your needless proposal go ahead.

If this is our future with the converter stations, solar farms, nuclear plants, transformer stations, and water pipelines crashing through all I feel I can do is pray we have an apocalypse before it all begins.