

Dear Inspectorate

Please step back and consider East Suffolk:

- Per estate agents and the tourism industry - The Heritage Coast
- Per bushy tailed non-resident utopians - The Energy Coast
- The reality in 10 years time - The chewed up and spat out Coast?

Now, who is supporting East Suffolk?

Consider the National Grid:

Answerable to its shareholders the Abu Dhabi National Wealth Fund, Black Rock et al.

Consider OfGem

Above my pay grade but no one can accuse them of being on the side of the people of East Suffolk.

Consider Ed Miliband - yet to visit the area and meet us.

So we have to stand up for ourselves but who is listening? We have so many projects kicking off around us yet there is no coordination.

Our estimable MP Jenny Riddle Carpenter is on social media and in Parliament trying her damndest to get accountability for the lack of coordination between all these NSips but she is being palmed off.

What we are facing:

- Sizewell 3rd largest engineering project in UK - early stages but disruption already major
- Essex and Suffolk Water just this month with highly disruptive plans related to Sizewell's construction phase
- 800+ homes to be built south of Saxmundham
- We are still to see plans of how potable water is going to be got to Sizewell once it is built.
- And now Sealink and all the rest of the National Grid's plans

The cumulative effects of all this will be staggering. The disruption has barely begun but the people of East Suffolk are already suffering:

- Ipswich Hospital appts being missed
- washing out to dry being covered in dust
- even Suffolk's leading community choir rehearsals being disrupted.

We are resilient and not habitual moaners but there will come a point when something will have to give.

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Could the National Grid organise a [REDACTED] in a brewery? The evidence suggests not.

The first question ought to be when organising a piss-up is the Brewery available? In this case the Brewery is East Suffolk and Sizewell C has booked it already.

And it gets worse.

The gormless National Grid, displaying its usual toxic combination of arrogance and ignorance, has just last month announced it wants to strengthen or replace the railway bridge on the B1121 in Benhall Green, south of Saxmundham.

In its submission (pt 4.5.13), it makes mention of the housing planned to the east of the B1121

"We are working with the council and landowners to make sure our work doesn't significantly slow down delivery of future housing." it accommodatingly says

But not a mention of the 800 homes being built less than 500m away as part of South Saxmundham devt, or the significant disruption over months if not years this will cause to traffic on the A12.

It's almost as if no one at the National Grid thought to consult the people of East Suffolk about the details that might give their plan at least half a chance of working. We could have pointed them to Leiston Airfield - a brownfield site just yards from the new Sizewell access road.

But they didn't. How could that be possible?(/s)

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Having attended and heard the contributions at the first session of the hearings, all I can say is the optimist in me finds it impossible to imagine a universe in which the National Grid could make a successful case for the [REDACTED] that their plans amount to.

- Lack of transparency - alternatives not seriously considered
- patronising presentation
- ignoring the cumulative impact of all these projects
- unnecessary costs
- antagonising the community that will lead to delays at every opportunity
- twentieth century solutions to 21st century projects
- strategic failure of having 30+% of the nation's energy in such a small exposed area
- outstanding natural beauty and a tourism industry trashed
- all on the UK's second fastest receding coastline

I could go on...

Of course the cynical realist in me suspects it's all a done deal, for political expediency, that will be regretted for decades, centuries to come.

Please show me that my cynicism is ill founded.

Yours sincerely

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