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This is the speech I was unable to deliver on 24/3/26

In the last year, the once calm and peaceful countryside around us has already changed beyond belief. The blocked roads, the endlessness heavy duty traffic, the noise, the pollution and it gets worse by the day. Local people especially the elderly are deeply worried about what is happening, how often do we hear people ask 'what is going on and when will it all stop?'

But this is early days - just the beginning of the Sizewell C construction, but the real devastation will kick off if and when National Grid's Sea Link plans are given the go ahead. No other part of the UK has ever been subjected to such a sudden catastrophic damage to its environment.

For a normal person it is very difficult to find out what is happening as it changes so often. The leaflets are wordy, the language technical and rather than inform they confuse. The general consensus is that it is intentional - if people are unable to follow your plan then they'll give up and stop bothering you.

For example two recent issues are very upsetting

1. That National Grid want to increase the area of the land for the Friston substation, presumably to allow connection to additional sources?
2. That Benhall Bridge bridge can be restructured to use as another access point to the substation construction. This will cause chaos for local residents, and will disrupt vital rail services. The applicants seem unwilling to consider the other route to the north of Saxmundham.

Everybody agrees that wind generated electricity is a good thing if not essential. Unfortunately the focus has been concentrated entirely on the technical infrastructure and with little regard for local people's lives. Please think again.

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