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Summary of my words at the OFH on 24 March 2026

I've lived in the area since 2000 and was compelled to speak despite being extremely nervous and stressed. My husband and I, along with many others, find it difficult to cope with the cumulative impact of multiple, destructive projects threatening our rural idyll. We moved here to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of our countryside but for many years have had to battle destructive Sizewell C, and for the last nine the growing number of energy related projects planned to devastate our special surroundings. I cannot ignore the further atrocities the Applicant proposes.

It's insulting that the Applicant has only now introduced significant changes which must please be dismissed, as must the threat of the whole Sea Link project.

National Grid failed to properly engage in the original Planning Inspectorate examination of EA1N/EA2, resulting in its sub-station being permitted by subterfuge to provide grid connections. Change 2 now unnecessarily and deceptively proposes using Sea Link to expand the site thereby creating a larger "connection hub" which could accommodate additional grid connections without needing specific permissions.

Change 4 relates to Benhall Railway Bridge which was never properly assessed despite warnings from Suffolk County and local councils. National Grid's late and unacceptable route plans for 300 ton AILS ought to have been included as part of the original DCO application, and it's deplorable they're only introduced now as though a minor change. They risk prolonged significant disruption to local residents and traffic, particularly if the route is later used for Lion Link. Proper assessment of the northern route proposed by Suffolk County Council would be far more sensible.

Please do not allow these Machiavellian changes to flawed Sea Link proposals for an unnecessary project.