

I have so many questions. For instance, I wish I understood why a plan to transmit the entire output from all four Scottish Power North Sea offshore windfarms to an existing connection point at Bramford was allowed to be derailed by a short-sighted cost cutting move that meant that construction impacts remained the same, but only half of the electricity could be transmitted to Bramford after all. And how that cost-cutting move was allowed to pass as a non-material change when it was clearly a material change. Or why connection for the Scottish Power electricity that could no longer go to Bramford was offered at a connection point in Friston that didn't even exist. Or why this back to front connection approach at Friston which enabled the National Grid connection hub to sneak by stealth through a planning back door opened by Scottish Power was allowed to slip through the net. Or why the words expressed by the Examining Authority at the Scottish Power DCO that caution should be observed in order to avoid harms exceeding benefits were more projects to be connected at the "de-facto" connection hub at Friston in the future, are being ignored. And why, even though the needs case for Sea Link is highly questionable, the project has been escalated to National Priority Infrastructure status and all planning balance seems to have gone out of the window. I could go on....

As cautioned by the Examining Authority, Sea Link is lifting the lid on electrical infrastructure projects being connected at Friston as we can already see with the giant solar parks that seem to be popping up on the planning horizon and this means that one single community is being subjected to more infrastructure imposition than ever before. No one seems to have a handle on what is happening to the human beings living here in NSIP Land, but let me tell you, we're already struggling and it sometimes feels as though we are stuck in a horrid social experiment in which the aim is to see how far a local community can be pushed and pushed before it completely falls apart. It is all way too much and between the Developers and Ofgem, we feel as if the East Suffolk community has been well and truly sold down the river.

We have a right to live our daily lives without being subjected to such unprecedented levels of cumulative adverse impacts and even if this imposition is justifiable in the name of the greater good, there must be a tipping point at which the local community's sacrifice becomes too great and we end up with mental and physical health issues that result in us paying too high a price? But who is looking out for that point and how will it even be recognised? Trust me, I'm a doctor – prevention is better than cure and it would be much better to pre-empt us reaching breaking point rather than picking up the pieces.