

1. Whatever happened to the plans for the various projects to reduce their impact by working together. Even the three National Grid projects are not cooperating.
2. The road chaos on the A12 and at Friday Street over the past year has ably demonstrated the inability of the local road system to be able cope with the numbers and tonnage of construction vehicles. It has had a major effect on the viability of local shops, businesses, the essential visitor trade and substantially reduced local use of the A12 to move around the area.

Despite the completion of the Friday Street roundabout, the massive cumulative effect of construction traffic for all the energy hub projects as the real build-work ramps up will completely overwhelm the small local roads. The weakness of the Benhall Bridge and the proposed access straight off the A12 will be another long term major blockage and result in pushing traffic chaos both around Benhall and into the streets of Saxmundham further denigrating the viability of the town. Moving the Saxmundham site access to the new Yoxford /Sizewell link road may be inconvenient to NG, but will protect local businesses and residents and perhaps demonstrate some cooperation between the projects.

3. NG dreamt up their scheme some fifteen years. Over the past decade we have all suffered and paid for the hubris of politicians, and big corporations only caring about their shareholders.
4. We need only look at the Ukraine War or the current Iran conflict to realise that the days of three rank infantry squares and cavalry charges on foreign fields are long gone and battles and wars are won by destroying infrastructure using low flying drones or high flying planes with powerful bombs controlled by operators hundreds if not thousands of miles away on Ai backed computers to destroy the past, present and futures of their enemies. Drone costs in munitions terms are minimal, the risk to the operators negligible and the effect on infrastructure, the local population and a national economy just devastating.
5. National Grid and EDF are creating one of the largest energy hubs in Europe on the coast in just 5 sq.miles. It is supposed to supply a third of the UK's energy. But Sizewell C towers on a cliff top rising 60 metres above the North Sea, its golf ball sister Sizewell

B glistening in the sunlight next door. The Sealink and Lionlink convertor stations, each the size of Buckingham Palace sitting hug-a-mugger on top of a hill. A ribbon of pylons stretching to the horizon and farms planted with solar panels and battery parks. Just sitting Ducks like us local residents. There are no plans to change the schemes. No plans to hide them, mitigate their vulnerability or protect them or any of us. Not going to happen here - tell that to Dubai or Qatar.

Maybe this once was energy security – but not in today's world.

6. National Grid claims that it needs all its infrastructure in close proximity to reduce energy loss. This is simply not true, the 5km radius they claim essential is a fallacy. They are not concerned about energy loss routing their power many miles to the AI data hubs which are huddled around cities.
  
7. Whatever happened to concerns about food security. National Grid is ripping up hundreds upon hundreds of acres of prime agricultural land and converting it into an industrial wasteland. They are land grabbing much more than they need and inflating their construction sites to maximise their opportunities and destroying the rural countryside which is one of the major attractions that made Suffolk tourism viable.

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