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Dear Sirs,

With regard to the future of the Sizewell Link Road (SLR), I would like to make you aware of certain facts arising from local discussions and thoughts referring to the future of the SLR once the power station construction has been completed.

The village of Middleton is lucky enough to have an excellent magazine and in the March 2021 edition local residents were surprised suddenly to have a ballot paper 'parachuted' into the magazine. The question asked was quite simple

After the construction of SZC should the SLR be removed or should it remain?

The organisers of this ballot are two landowners with very obvious interests in the destruction of the SLR. We are told by the landowners the result of the ballot was 47-0 in favour of removal.

I consider the ballot is flawed and should be disregarded by the Inspectorate for the following three reasons:

1. The ballot paper had no information or pros and cons so that those expected to vote were deliberately kept in the dark. The ballot paper was asking for a simple Yes or No type of answer.
2. Sizeable numbers of the potential 'electorate' were not given an opportunity to vote. This was because the ballot paper formed part of the electronic version of the Middleton magazine. It was not included with the hard copy of the magazine, the only version that many Middleton residents receive.
3. The two organisers were also the tellers and scrutineers – not a recipe for objective analysis.

Nobody could expect that this questionnaire should be handed over to a professional election organisation but here we have something that is quite out of order and which carries a risk that somebody in authority may consider the 'score' an accurate representation.

I have no doubt that the 47-0 result will be presented to you as bona fide evidence from the local population. This is not the case as a substantial number of people in Middleton and Theberton would advise making no decision until we can see what the post construction traffic burden may be. The 'ballot' has caused intense annoyance to many in the area, who feel that the so called evidence this bogus voting imitation has produced is fit only for the rubbish bin.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to register dismay regarding the way that the application and handling by EDF for SZC has been undertaken. This company has been allowed free rein by the Government to decide just about everything regarding the construction and infrastructure concerning this monstrous project. The local population has been kept very much in the dark by EDF which means that the company has become judge, jury and executioner. This is very handy for the shareholders but not to the interests of the Suffolk population living close to Sizewell. We have been very poorly informed about a large number of facts, one example of which is future traffic modelling. EDF has trumpeted all sorts of clever statistics gathered from this highly suspect exercise in fact gathering, but the public has not been privy to the vital details. Just one example of the furtive character of EDF which has hidden behind the mask of some very slick PR consultants, whose job is to gloss over uncomfortable facts.

I contend that the whole submission lacks integrity and probity. Having said that, one has to ask how could this have been prevented or remedied? The answer should have been for the Government to appoint a Commissioner totally independent of any commercial interest. That person would not only have supervised the application but also have kept a strict eye upon EDF transgressions and obfuscations. We are now in the position if EDF receives the go-ahead, that the SZC site will be independent of the eight power line companies bringing electricity into the so-called energy hub of Sizewell. A commissioner would have overseen coordination and cooperation between these various factions. Now we are left with nine companies, each with its own agenda, doing exactly as they please with little or no regard to the local people or the environment in which those people live. Our MP could have insisted on much more rigorous oversight right from the start of this project over half a decade ago. Instead we have had silence and a professional level of indifference and dereliction of duty. Our Government in the not very distant past privatised electricity generation in this country.

The resultant mess that we are now witnessing is the result of this political short termism. Our energy supplies are now in the hands of foreign companies who in the future will be only too willing to resort to blackmail when it suits. The evidence? – in the last few weeks a French minister warned that the electricity supply to part of the UK (Jersey) would be cut off if French demands were not met.

Yours faithfully,

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