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From the sitting room window I can see across the fields to the dome of Sizewell B in the distance. If it were to get the go ahead, I would also be able to see the lights and cranes of Sizewell C behind it.

And if development consent were to be granted to the Scottish Power and National Grid substations in my neighbouring village of Friston, I'd also be able to see a mega energy hub from another window:

the transformation of a beautiful rural area into an industrial one right before my very eyes.

However,
while the Scottish Power projects are the right ones in the wrong place,
Sizewell C is
the wrong project,
in the wrong place,
at the wrong time.

And, though it doesn't feel like it, I'm one of the lucky ones. The impact on my village will be significantly less than that on Friston or Sizewell or Eastbridge..... but the effects will be felt nonetheless.

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A silly story.

When I first began to visit Suffolk with my husband-to-be, I thought the pills issued to people living near Sizewell B in the event of a nuclear accident were Cyanide capsules.
It was years before I discovered they were iodine pills.

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...perhaps my initial instinct was the right one.

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There is no doubt in my mind that the cumulative impact of these multiple projects would have a devastating impact on our Suffolk Coastal area. They would destroy miles of ancient woodland, species rich meadows, marshland and lowland heathland, one of the world's rarest habitats, as well as the fragile eco-systems that depend on them. That this should be happening in an internationally recognised Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which is supposed to have the highest level of protection, is truly depressing. Over the coming months there will be experts - the Environment agency, the RSPB Minsmere, Friends of the Earth, to name but a few - who can articulate more eloquently than me the devastating impact that all these projects would have on our living environment Please hear what they say.

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The broad beans in our garden have just started to flower. My husband commented today that they should do well - provided there are enough pollinators. In the 14 years we have lived here full time, we have been struck by the alarming reduction in the number of insects and birds. It

seems absurd that during an ecological emergency we should be contemplating the destruction of acres of natural habitat.

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The arguments against nuclear energy and against Sizewell in particular are compelling. I am not the one to explore them here. But in his report 'Net Zero without Nuclear' published in April, one of the world's leading environmentalists, Jonathon Porritt, set out the arguments against nuclear with stunning clarity. It's not very long - you could read it over a cup of tea or a gin and tonic. Please, I urge you to do so. It will help you understand our very real fears for our future. (I attach a copy)

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The nuclear industry lobby is a very powerful one - up there with the tobacco industry's - and just as deadly. There is, after all, a lot of money involved - £20 billion and rising in the case of Sizewell C. Not EDF nuclear's money - they don't appear to have any.

As large investment companies shy away from investing in this folly it will no doubt be the British tax payer that ends up paying through vastly inflated energy bills.

And as usual it will be the poorest in society who suffer most.

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You will hear from EDF and their friends at the Sizewell C consortium, that nuclear is an essential part of the solution to climate change - (actually, untrue) - seemingly unaware of the irony of building twin nuclear reactors and storing toxic waste on a rapidly eroding coast and rising sea levels.

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Another story.

When my step-daughter was small, my husband took her camping at Dunwich. They had a wonderful time. 20 years later the site where they had pitched their tent had disappeared into the sea. Another 20 years on and the cliffs are disappearing even faster. Coastal erosion is a reality here.

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One more.

In 2017 a man walking his dog died when the cliffs at Thorpeness, collapsed beneath his feet. For everyone who walked their dogs along the cliffs between Sizewell and Thorpeness, it was a scary moment.

I don't walk there anymore.

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And jobs -according to EDF Sizewell C will create lots of jobs. Yet other faster, cheaper, renewable solutions could provide far more. It also ignores the inconvenient truth that all these energy projects will have a massively negative impact on our tourism industry and the many

businesses and jobs that depend on it.

12.

I have worked closely with the campaign groups on all these energy projects for the last two and half years. In that time my admiration for the people involved has grown immeasurably. Their professionalism, their understanding of the complex issues, and the clarity with which they explain them, is exemplary. As is the calmness with which they deal with the relentless lobbying, the misinformation, and the half truths. They give help to our hard-pressed town and parish councils overwhelmed by all these projects, and provide a voice for our besieged communities. And they have dedicated years of their lives to do this. Please do listen to what they have to say over the coming months. They deserve your respect.

And you have nothing to lose.....whereas we have everything.

PS: Nuclear may be part of the government's current policy. But, just because it is, doesn't mean it has to be.

Attachment: Net Zero without Nuclear. -
<http://www.jonathonporritt.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Net-Zero-Without-Nuclear-updated.docx.pdf>