

Notice regarding *The Scottish Power Renewables Consultation Stage 3.5*

*“After listening to feedback from local authorities and residents, SPR have decided to extend the Phase 3.5 Consultation period by a further two weeks, to **12 November 2018**. As a responsible developer, we go above and beyond statutory requirements, carrying out effective stakeholder engagement to ensure we obtain and consider as much feedback as possible.*

During this phase of consultation, we have hosted four public meetings, posted consultation documents and feedback forms to 16,000 homes across the onshore search area and made documents available at a range of public buildings. We hope that through extending the consultation period as many people as possible will provide feedback on the proposals, which will be fully considered in the assessment process.”

The above statement was contained in an email received by me in response to some direct questions I had raised with SPR, regarding what seems to be sadly lacking detail on many topics which could affect how one completes the Stage 3.5 Feedback form.

For example, what was the likelihood of archaeological sites being uncovered, which could affect choice of site or progress of works? Could another suitable alternative ecological site to the Sandlings be found, if Broom Covert is favoured? What kind of transport, what size and the numbers thereof are envisaged, which could affect the choice of site and access routes? What working times/shift patterns are envisaged, which would affect noise and light pollution levels to nearby residents?

Regrettably, SPR’s answer to all those questions was effectively that at this stage they either don’t know or won’t say. But all is set to be revealed during the Stage 4 Consultation [whenever that is!].

I have available, for perusal, the Grove Wood, Friston, Visualisations by SPR of what the planned 15m high structures would look like if built there. Please contact me if you’d like to see them. You can no doubt clearly visualise yourself what they would look like, at 21m tall, at the junction of Sizewell Gap and King George’s Avenue in Leiston, if the Broom Covert (part of the Sandlings) is chosen.

And if you have not already completed and returned your Stage 3.5 form, please do, even if your answers cannot be as meaningful as they could have been if more information had been provided. **Tell them so!**

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