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## Proposed Off Shore Wind Farm Bournemouth (Navitus Bay Development Ltd)

As a Conservative activist and I am becoming increasingly concerned at the adverse effect the wind farm proposals are having on our Party's support in this area and on our Conservative MPs locally who will be blamed if the application is approved.

The proposal is for nearly 200 turbines which will block about 30% of the horizon between the Isle of Wight and the Purbecks. The damage to tourism is substantial and long lasting which will be a major loss to the local economy. The coast is a World Heritage Site and an area of Natural Outstanding Beauty to which UNESCO have indicated could be lost if the proposal goes ahead. The site is a hazard to shipping and to marine life. On shore, 22 miles of cable laying is required leaving a scar the equivalent of an eight lane motorway.

Finally this project is heavily subsidised and expensive, has only a 25 year life, it needs substantial back up from traditional power stations and decommissioning results in decaying hulks being left on the sea bed (Canada's experience).

The application is currently with the Planning Inspectorate but ultimately the decision is one for the Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change.

The application needs to be stopped at the first possible opportunity. There are less intrusive sites e.g. the North Sea.

Yours sincerely

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