From:

East Anglia ONE North; East Anglia Two

Subject:

Procedural Deadline C EA1N EA2 Preliminary meetings

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Dear PINs

I fully endorse Councillor Fellows (Aldeburgh Town Council) sentiments that the cumulative effects of proposals with others including EDF Sizewell C have not been adequately addressed. These examinations must seek to fully address cumulative effects of multiple projects that have real potential to cause a man made ecological disaster within the AONB. I am also concerned about the lack of examination into the effects on the sustainability of the socio-economic balance in the immediate area. The village of Friston being immediately next to the proposed development has had little analysis in terms of quality of life, access to amenity land, effect on tourism and the sustainability of village life.

I also have concerns that Scottish Power and National Grid should be able to be questioned and answer questions given the role, particularly of National Grid, in terms of may aspects of the DCO's onshore development of substations and grid connection.

Regards,

Rosemary Kersey

Local Resident

References: 20023400 / 20023401

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 Written Representation: 20023400, 20023401

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Dear Examining team,

I have lived in the village of Friston for over 80 years, and in this time I have seen many changes but none that will have such a devastating impact on the village and immediate countryside. I agree with and fully endorse the views and arguments of SASES & Friston Parish council, SEAS, our MP Therese Coffey and both local authorities, who all consider onshore cable landing zone, cable route and proposed substation site Grove Wood, Friston to be completely inappropriate.

Whilst I fully support the need for renewable energy that is carefully and sensitively developed, I cannot support the destruction of AONB land, high-grade agricultural fields and amenity land for residents and visitors that these proposed substations will cause. Specifically, the proposed location by Scottish Power shows a complete lack of care for the environment and residents' health and wellbeing during and post construction. This area of East Suffolk is an important tourist destination, attracting more visitors each year. The proposed development will not only affect the immediate village of Friston but also the villages and towns that surround the substation site and cable route. The tourist industry is a significant employer in the area and affect on this will have knock-on effects for the residents of this area, particularly job security, given that there will be no jobs created from these developments. The onshore proposals for these DCOs should be rejected as they are a completely inappropriate industrial development, next to a peaceful village in the countryside. The health and wellbeing of village residents will be severely affected by the construction of the substations and cable route, in terms of noise and light pollution, increased traffic and construction pollution and destruction of the amenity land that we all rely on for walks and exercise.

It was clear from the start Scottish Power have on been open and honest in their selection of the sites for EA1N and EA2. The original connection point was at Bramford via Bawdsey but systemic failures have led Scottish Power to create new substations for EA1N and EA2. I know that Scottish Power will build the National Grid substation, so other energy developments (Eurolink and Nautilus interconnectors) can connect into the electrical grid. This connection had been 'granted' and I do not understand why National Grid are not held accountable to these issues.

I have walked this area all my life and walk the circuit across the proposed development every day. It is an important part of my day, exercising, socialising and enjoying the open and peaceful countryside. The substations will take a huge chunk of agricultural land and with it important public footpaths. Walking less than 5 minutes from anywhere in the village will take you into the open countryside. The proximity of the proposed substations to the village will destroy the tranquillity, heritage and peacefulness of life here. The SPRs substations provide limited scope for screening. The existing woodland will only benefit the view from Knodishall village not the village of Friston, which will benefit only after 25 years of plant growth before the substations are remotely hidden.

One major concern for the planning inspectors is the publication of construction maps that always cut the village off, making it difficult to access the closeness of the substation sites with SPR maps. The arbitrary buffer of 250 metres for proximity to neighbouring properties was not fully justified by SPR and compared to Bramford, which has a 600 metre buffer between the substations and properties, shows that SPR can change the development criteria to fit their needs. The immediate neighbours are predominantly Grade II listed buildings together with the Grade II* church, with the northern end of the village only 500 metres away. There is a huge concern especially for construction and operational noise and potential flood risks. Currently there is no 'background' noise.

The proposed cable route and substation development will have a huge negative effect on the environment. The cable route will carve its way through sensitive AONB, SSSIs and ecologically important habitats. The destruction will be long term and difficult to mitigate against. The cable route and immediate ground cannot be planted on with trees which will limit the regeneration SPR claims will mitigate habitat loss. There are many habitats and nest sites that will be destroyed for badgers, foxes and bats, including at the substation site. The agricultural fields at the Grove Wood site are home to a variety of species including yellowhammers, skylarks and birds of prey. The long-term loss and disturbance to the habitats at Grove Wood and along the cable route cannot be adequately mitigated against in the short term and it will take years for long-term mitigation to have an effect.

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