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Dear EA 1N Planning Team,

I am a householder in Martlesham Heath near Ipswich. My registration reference is EA1N: 20024125. Here are my comments for the forthcoming Scottish Power Renewables' East Anglia One North offshore wind farm project. I followed the original planning application for East Anglia One which included the cable works from Bawdsey to Bramford. This was in 2013. I argued the case for local mitigation projects, such as nature reserves or sea wall public footpath repairs. But instead it seemed the whole works were bulldozed through the planning system. I was very disappointed. Scottish Power Renewables' seemed to have little regard for building relations with the local community, instead talking as though they were doing us a favour because they were burying the cables. They would often change the agenda at short notice and seemed to be in command of the planning process, and at the last minute the power cable was changed from DC to AC. Quite a change, but the government planners allowed the change to go ahead with minimal discussion. I personally think this late change was illegally implemented.

Lets compare with some other major projects in the locality:

Sizewell C Power Station - EDF Energy are making big efforts to woo the public. Recently EDF Energy bought a farm North of Leiston and landscaped to make a nature reserve. EDF Energy have already provided large sums towards nature and landscape improvements on the Suffolk Coast.

Abberton Reservoir Enlargement (Essex) - Recently launched with a fanfare of publicity. Local people (in their 1000s) came to listen to a speech by Sir David Attenborough. (1000s more were turned away). The reservoir development included a plush visitor centre, nature walks, bird hides, even an osprey nest platform.

Rampion Offshore Windfarm - Ordered to pay £358,500 to the South Downs National Park. The mitigation awarded simply because the windfarm is visible from the coast. (This judgement leads me to show there is a degree of inconstancy with wind farm planning judgements. There was certainly more opposition to this windfarm project, making it more difficult to approve the project on the nod).

Felixstowe Docks - A well established site, has provided a huge nature reserve at Trimley, and continues to provide payments for the upkeep of nature projects in the locality.

Galloper Windfarm Fund - This fund was worth £87,500 over seven years and was made available for community projects located in a 10km radius of Sizewell, closing in 2018. A similar fund has been created in Essex.

What these examples show is the efforts made by large corporations to bring the public on its side. They understand the need to build relationships with the community, thus making sure the local community benefits in some way. (I.e. responsible capitalism.) Whereas East Anglia One developers were rather smug, talking as though they are doing us favours. Whilst the government planners having an easy time, just saying 'yep' to everything.

I would urge the government infrastructure planners to give regard to the affects the construction work will have on the local community and consider a reasonable mitigation package that will improve Friston's amenities. Also there will be fears (whether founded or

not) that living close to the high voltage substation will be detrimental to peoples lives. You have a choice to either keep your head down and wait for your name to appear on the New Year honours list, or else you can really try to do something to support ordinary local people.

Yours sincerely

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