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I would like to start by saying that I continue to be concerned about the virtual element of this hearing. For the most part this infrastructure plan affects an ageing and vulnerable population. I appreciate that efforts may have been made to reach out to people who do not have an electronic means of communicating with the planning inspector but, to my knowledge there has been no mail drop to affected villages for example. Too many people's voices are not being heard.

I fully support the submissions being made by SASES, SEAS and all the other groups set up to object to these plans.

From the very beginning SPR have conducted a shameful campaign. Despite living within sight of the proposed development We were wholly ignorant of these plans until the end of March 2018, a few days before the conclusion of phase 2. We only found out then through a chance conversation with a neighbour. Contrary to what has been said on behalf of SPR on a number of occasions, nothing had been delivered to our property either through the post or by hand in the run up to the Phase 2 consultation. We have previously complained about this but received no explanation. During the consultation period SPR refused to publish the full RAG assessment undertaken by Royal Haskoning or to provide a copy of the report upon which it relied, which compromised our ability and that of every other respondent to provide meaningful feedback. SPR drip fed summary pieces of the RAG assessment mid-way through the 3.5 consultation phase. Interested parties were not alerted to the new information but had to rely on checking the SPR website daily. The RAG assessment was deeply flawed, giving little weight to the listed buildings that ring the proposed site.

In our oral submission I mentioned "Footpath 6", the footpath which will be permanently closed if this development goes ahead. This footpath forms part of the historic boundary between the parishes of Friston and Knodishall, it is a pilgrim way, an established route for religious purposes. This footpath is the route from our house to Friston Church and Friston Village. I have previously made reference to the autobiography of Major Douglas Goddard, a war hero who spent his childhood summers working on Clouting's Farm. Chapter 4 of his book is titled "Life on the Farm" and in it he describes walking to the Methodist Chapel in Knodishall and the wildlife to be found in the fields along the way.

"Uncle John was a Methodist lay preacher....the rest of us set off on the two-and-a-bit-mile walk to the Knodishall Chapel for morning service."

"Wild life abounded. The wealth of bird life in the hedgerows and fields included pheasants, partridges, plovers, seagulls, birds of prey, a great variety of song birds and, at night, squadrons of dive bombing bats. Hare were plentiful and one of the farmers' greatest enemies, rabbits, were too plentiful."

This historic route will be closed to us and to all who enjoy this footpath today. In order to get to Friston we will have to take a considerable diversion along a new path which will be created alongside Grove Road and running beside the substation, hardly an enticing proposition.

We would urge the planning inspectors to walk from Clouting's Farm to Friston, passing the listed "Little Moor Farm"; glance over your right shoulders to see "High House Farm", also listed and enjoy the view of Friston Church as it peeps over the horizon. Try to imagine putting a Wembley Stadium sized structure in the fields that surround you. I would also urge the inspectors to go to Thorpeness, the site chosen for the cable landing. Be sure to go at low tide for your own safety, park near the pink cottage and walk onto the beach, take a note of the warning signs stating that the cliffs are dangerous and crumbling. You might be able to see the holes in the cliff where the sand martins nest. After you have looked at the cliffs you should walk along the private road of houses onto the lovely heath land above the cliff, the heath land that will be destroyed by SPRs cable. It is fragile land, ANOB land, that should be protected and preserved. Once damaged it cannot recover, it will be destroyed forever.

Everybody knows that this is a terrible plan that gives green energy a bad name. The secretary of state has announced an enquiry into how the energy generated offshore should be connected and distributed around the UK. It cannot be sensible to destroy communities, destroy beautiful

countryside, cause so much misery and damage the local economy when we know that better solutions are available. Please reject this application, even a short pause will give everyone time to regroup and come up with a better solution, better solutions are out there, ready to be implemented and ultimately cheaper than the damaging affect these proposals will have on this community. Thank you for your time and attention. I will close with the words of a poem by William Wordsworth, please let the words sink in and think about the sort of world we all want to leave for our children and grandchildren.

*I heard a thousand blended notes
While in a grove I sat reclined, In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind,
Through primrose tufts, in that sweet bower
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breaths
The birds around me hopp'd and play'd
Their thoughts I cannot measure –
But the least motion of which they made
It seem'd a thrill of pleasure
It that belief for Heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan.
Have I not cause to lament
What Man has made of Man?*





