



WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS FOR
SPR EA1NORTH and EA2 PROJECTS (DEADLINE 1)

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I fully endorse Representations made by Friston Parish Council, SASES, SEAS, SOS and other action groups opposing The Applicants Proposals.

My husband and I first came to this area 40 years ago to attend a concert at Snape Maltings Concert Hall. Immediately we were hooked, and this was in November!

We returned many times and eventually purchased a small terraced house [REDACTED] Aldeburgh. Then, as now, car parking was kerb side so for Scottish Power to designate this road as a suitable route for Heavy Goods Vehicles is a serious error of judgement and indicates a complete lack of knowledge of this highly populated area of the town

During our time in Aldeburgh we appreciated all this area has to offer. Big skies, lovely countryside/Coastal walks accompanied by bird song, the many and varied opportunities to enjoy the arts and all the time peace and quiet

We have lived in our Friston house for 33 years. At first as the dreaded weekenders, although we were not fair weather friends. On retirement we settled here permanently building on earlier experiences and developing a deep sense of belonging.

Never in our wildest nightmares did we envisage living in an industrial environment which is what Friston will become if the proposed development by Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) is consented.

We first learned of this development in March 2018 not through official channels but a small item in the Parish Magazine which covers Aldringham, Friston and Knodishall but not every household receives a copy.

So here we are 2½ years later and clearly the proposals have gathered a pace not to mention the involvement of National Grid Ventures(NGV). Even now we haven't had sight of a meaningful plan showing the FULL extent of the development and how it imposes on the village.

SPR held what they grandly referred to as Public Consultation/Information days at which we expected to see detailed plans of what is proposed and take part in a honest and frank two way discussion outlining the proposals and listening to our concerns and questions. This was most definitely not the case. The sheer arrogance of SPR and their representatives was frankly astounding. Not a single mention of NGV involvement. Incidentally why have NGV not been required to



produce their own DCO, they certainly appear to be in the driving seat. There now appears to be a total of 10 additional projects planned which, whilst not included in the DCO's currently being examined MUST be taken into account and the cumulative effect this will have on a small rural area. Additionally the Sizewell C DCO has been accepted for consideration which will also have a huge knock on effect.

It is against this background that I would argue strongly that these proposals must be included within the BEIS Offshore Transmission Network Review and also NGENSO's Offshore Co-ordination project.

Scottish Power have a cavalier attitude to our concerns not least traffic and the safety of road users and pedestrians. They have indicated they will monitor movement of HGV's but not associated traffic. It is the latter which is of most concern to residents in the village. Already there has been a huge increase in vehicles using Mill Lane, probably due to a great many more visitors in addition to White Van man and the ever constant large farm vehicles. Inevitably this road will become a rat run as it runs from the A1094 through the village to the B1121 then becomes Grove Road. Continue along this route and you arrive at the pre-construction road for the development. All of the lanes surrounding the village in any direction are single track with passing places and so are completely unsuitable for the anticipated increase in the volume of traffic. Merely trying to get out of the village to go about our daily lives will be hindered and fraught with danger. With the exception of the B1121 none of these narrow lanes have pedestrian pavements, a further concern when out walking or collecting children from the school bus or play area situated at the junction with Mill Lane and B1121.

The north side of the village will become "no mans land" with the closure of footpaths. A much utilised path leading from the Church across the fields to the north will be closed permanently. A good circular walk for dog walkers, ramblers and heavily used particularly during lockdown as a means of exercise. The suggested alternative is totally unacceptable from a safety and aesthetic point of view. The latest proposal is that pedestrians walk along the narrow lane to the side of the development – words fail me. Currently there is a footpath from Friston to Knodishall. This is where our nearest shop is located for morning papers and general household items. In summer children walk this path to attend the primary school in Knodishall. Plans indicate that this will form part of the haul road so is this to be closed temporarily – no indication has been given of an alternative or is this yet another permanent closure?

Noise and Pollution as a result of the increase in vehicle movement and construction cannot be underestimated. There is a deep concern as to the effect



this will have on our village Church. St Mary the Virgin is a grade 2* listed building and stands proudly overlooking the village. Residents and visitors alike regularly stop to enjoy the calm, tranquil environment sometimes sitting on a bench in the grounds deep in thought or enjoying a picnic. During the summer months we held public concerts in the grounds. Imagine, if you will, trying to listen to music with the constant hum associated with substations in the background. Another simple pleasure lost.

Flooding is yet another area where we have experienced an increase in the number of times properties have been flooded. Indeed the Rectory was rendered uninhabitable earlier this year. None of this has been taken seriously by SPR/NGV who, so far have failed to produce proposals to alleviate the threat. Bearing in mind they will be concreting over a large area this will only exacerbate the problem.

Much of their research has been desk bound with little understanding of the character and attributes of the area.

The following is certainly NOT Nimbyism: How can they justify digging up large areas of rural countryside, close to a small village of 300 residents, AONB and good agricultural land not to mention the loss of amenities which we are exhorted to protect and preserve for future generations and the quiet country life we have all come to enjoy and appreciate.

There are no benefits for the residents of Friston or indeed the neighbouring villagers. For the foreseeable future all we have to look forward to is danger on the roads, noise which will be constant even after construction, pollution which will adversely affect the colourful sun sets and big dark skies we currently enjoy. Scare off the wildlife, the quiet enjoyment of our homes taken away for ever. And for what? Greed and Profit.

I cannot claim to have read the DCO's completely but there appears to be a preponderance of loose ends – SPR will claim these are not material. Such is the level of mistrust that it is vital all these are fully explained prior to final consideration of the project. IF it is consented then such consent must be for EA1North and EA2 to be constructed simultaneously otherwise the agony will be prolonged beyond human endurance.

The Developers should look elsewhere. There are brown field sites more suited to Industrialisation not too far away which would be more suitable and obviate



the need for this unnecessary disruption, anxiety and the ever present threat to people's lives and well being.

They have achieved what two world wars failed to do, they have sapped the strength, heart and soul out of the village.

OUR LIVES MATTER.

Thank you.

Mrs Christine Penelope Ive.

