

East Anglia OFH 4 Lunchtime Session 2

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afternoon, and welcome to today's open floor hearing for the East Anglia, one North and East Anglia to offshore wind farms session two, before we start to hear oral submissions and session two, I will deal with a few preliminary matters. Can I check with the case team, but you can hear me and that the recordings and the live stream has started.

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I can confirm we can hear you and the recordings have started.

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Thank you.

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I will just now ask my fellow panel members who are present to briefly introduce themselves starting with Mr. Smith.

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Thank you very much, Mrs. Jones. My name is Rynd Smith. I'm the lead member of these examining authorities. But Mrs. Jones is in control of the session. And so I will just be taking notes and making sure that our Action Lists are complete by the end of the session. Thank you very much.

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Thank you and good afternoon everyone. My name is John Hockley, panel member. I will be leading on elements of this session. Thank you, Mrs. Jones.

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Thank you, we advise you in the agenda that we're being live streamed and recorded. The recordings that we make are retained and published. Therefore they form a public record that can contain your personal information and to which the general data protection regulation applies. Before we move on, does anybody have any questions about the terms on which our digital recordings are made? Not seeing any raise hands or hearing anyone. So we'll move forward on the basis that this is understood. I'm now going to pass it over to Mr. Hockley, who will be leading this session.

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Thank you very much, Mrs. Jones, and open floor hearings are an opportunity for individuals and community groups to speak directly to the examining authority and not about a particular location or topic. The applicants are present here today. Mr. Ennis, I A versus afternoon.

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Yes, sir, I am present and will obviously listen to

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the representations. Thank you very much miscellaneous. You've heard it a few times before. But I just remind you again that the main purpose of this hearing is here from interested parties, and you're here to listen in a main. But before I close the session, I will give you a brief opportunity to make responding remarks on matters that you consider must be brought to our attention. And if you can find those two, five minutes with detailed responses in writing at deadline to thank you. Thank you. For any other speakers here. If you disagree with anything that the applicant says you're welcome to respond to it in writing by deadline to please on the 17th of November 2020. And so to this afternoon session, we don't appear to have everyone on the agenda list here with us. So today I have Susan Osbourne, Jane Roslin, Bobby rusak, Sheridan Steen, Elizabeth Thomas, and Maria is back. We're currently missing one speaker for the agenda. That's William Reeve. So I intend to take speakers in the stated order. If I've missing speakers return or I've or arrive late, and I shall hear from them to an alphabetical order as in the agenda. You'll see in the speaking time guide to the agenda so you know when you are likely to speak, please don't leave until you've had your turn as if you do have a good reason, we will not be able to include you in a later session. Once you have spoken, you can leave if you wish, but you're welcome to remain to remain until the end of the session. To hear any response from the applicants. I need to be strict in terms of timings this afternoon due to the number of speakers that we have sort of everyone has their opportunity to speak. So please don't be offended if I have to ask you to stop talking at the end of your allotted time.

If there is more than you would like to say then this could be submitted in writing for a deadline to finally just remind you, it's an opportunity for everyone here to have their say, in fairness just as you would not wish to be interrupted. Please do not interrupt the other speakers. If you agree with or disagree with what they say, then you can make that clear to us in your own speaking time. Or if you have already spoken then in writing a deadline to and we will take your views into account. Every speaker should be allowed to floor and their time to speak. If anyone does interrupt you or warn them and ask them to allow the hearing to continue. And if the same person interrupts again, I'll warn them again. And be aware repeated interruptions that lead to disruption can be viewed as unreasonable behaviour for which your water cost can be sought bear for interested parties. If anyone interrupts again, following two warnings on the third occasion, I will ask the case manager to exclude them from the hearing. Okay, so the introductions are now complete. Before I move on to the main business of hearing hearing today's speakers. Does anyone have a burning question of an introductory or preliminary nature that needs to be resolved now and will not arise during the remaining agenda items. Okay, I'm not seeing any hands up or cameras on so on that basis, we'll move on to agenda item for speaker contributions. Thank you. Just briefly just before I introduce our first speaker this afternoon, I'll let you know that as long as contributions remain relevant and to time, it's our intention to hear everyone without interruption. You've no doubt prepared what you have to say and you don't want to be interrupted, saying it. We'll listen to you carefully. And if my colleagues or I have questions, we'll raise those at the end of your speaking time. Okay, the first speaker I have in this session is Susan Osborne. Miss Osborne, are you here with us? Good afternoon.

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Yeah.

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Great. Thank you. I can hear you and see you. So, this has been your five minutes in which to make your points and Mr. Williams will let you let you know, excuse me, when you have one minute remaining. And just when you begin your contribution, could you also introduce yourself, please for recording, and we're ready whenever you are.

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Okay, well, thank you for the opportunity to speak. My name is Sue Aspen. I live in overdrive. Now for about nine years. I'm a member of the town council, but I'm not representing them this afternoon here in my own life. I'm opposed to the

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substations sorry.

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Sorry, I'm at work, so just have

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no problem at all.

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I'm opposed to the proposed building of a substation at Friston by scottishpower renewables for both East Anglia, one North and East Anglia. Two. Whilst I fully support the move towards renewable energy, I think this needs to be done with a proper regard for the protection of our environment. At present, it seems that the applications are driven entirely by profitability, little or no care for the irreparable destruction of the unique compared to our habitats which make up our A and B. All this comes at a time when there are plenty of cautionary voices warning us of the harm we're doing to our planet by the reckless destruction of natural landscapes. By industrialization. David Attenborough tells us that we have a very small window in which to take action. The present gold rush in the North Sea where swathes of seabed are being sold off to the highest bidder is an immense danger to our heritage coast, because each company is out for its own individual game. There's no sharing of infrastructure, and this is leading to a multitude of landfill sites around our fragile coastline. Joined that plan is needed for the future, and national strategy which project which protects environments homes, habitats and livelihoods. This is not an impossible pipe dream. I think European countries are implementing offshore ring lanes, and this would vastly reduce the onshore impact of the multiple energy projects.

I would argue that the proposals do not have regard for the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural natural beauty of the OMB. Air is about standing natural beauty are the most beautiful and cherished landscapes in England. They're rightly regarded as a treasured national resource and an internationally recognised for their special qualities, we need to be preserving these landscapes for future generations. I don't believe that scottishpower have shown evidence that they've looked sufficiently into avoiding effects affecting a protected site or area with their choice of sight. Green Energy is not so green when it destroys ra o and B. I would like to be able to say that my generation

was the one that finally took notice of the damage we're doing to our planet, when it windenergy has its place in conjunction with other renewable energy solutions. But there are better ways of delivering this than tearing up a OMB. I also believed that the harm caused could never be mitigated. The construction process would lead to unacceptable noise and light pollution which would impact on the health and well being of residents and wildlife for life. The cliffs that thought nests are notoriously fragile in common with most of our coastline, with a fatality having occurred there only a year ago. Finally, I'd like to comment on the consultation process, which I believe was rushed and inadequate. As the manager of the local library, I was in a unique position to see how people reacted to the process. Oprah library hosted the consultation documents for the second last round of consultations. This ran to very very many volumes of lever arch files. When they arrived, I was quite horrified at the prospect of how people would be able to navigate these. So I requested from scottishpower summary document and or an index to navigate the multiple volumes of information. scottishpower came back to me and said that they were unable to provide either of these. I think this was an insult to members of the public effectively locking them out of being able to form an opinion based on the information available. Members of the public who came into the library to view the documents were overwhelmed by the information on offer. universally unable to navigate their way through it. They asked for help on every single occasion. And I was unable really to give them the help that they wanted. Simply because of the volume of amount of stuff there was there. The whole exercise because of that was lacking in transparency and was not accessible in any useful way. The next round of consultations is only available online or at a couple of limited venues for rendering that round of consultations even more inaccessible to most as the one before. That's what I've got to say. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. That's very useful. Thank you for your time today. Okay, we now move to the second speaker. And the second speaker that we have is Jane Rossen. Miss rossin. Are you with us? afternoon?

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Yes, I'm here.

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Excellent. I can see you in here you, Miss Ross. And so as before you have five minutes in which to make your points. And Mr. Williams will let you know when you have one minute, one minute remaining. And just when you start, if you could just introduce yourself for the recording. That'd be great. We're ready whenever you are. Thank you.

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I'm Jane Wilson and living Adrienne, I'm focusing on the aspects which would severely affect my life. Well being during the lengthy construction process. Should the two proposals be given consent. The construction of cable corridors and hallways will be taking place adjacent to my home. And I would like you to understand how much it will seriously impinge on my life. The proposed cable corridors and hallways crossing the B 1122 overrode aisle 25 metres for the boundary of my property. I spent a large amount of time in the studio in my quiet wooded garden during the construction process of the cable corridors and for roads. Whether the projects run singly or concurrently. They will firstly be weeks of

chainsaws buzzing as trees are felled. There'll be engine noise, vibrations and fumes from heavy goods vehicles. As proposed hallways are constructed, and the hallways may be used continually as the proposals progress. Light sandy soil from excavations and traffic will be blown into my house and garden and lights release traffic together with the construction consolidation site will impinge on the dark skies which I value highly. No close fences or hedges around my property. The river hundred is my open rear boundary, and it seems probable that these pumps will be used to divert the river when constructing the hallways and cable corridors. This will be approximately 75 metres from my house. Logic tells me that these pumps will be working day and night, causing day and night noise intrusion. In 2018, I visited all seven zones for the proposed substation, and could not understand why Fiskerton nine kilometres from the proposed landfill site was either being considered the proposed cable cord or zigzags its way back and forth under electricity pylons across fields and woods, cutting across roads, footpaths and bridleways all the way to the tiny village of Christian. There is more than enough land around Sizewell alternative brownfield sites such as Bradwell to cite a substation and connect to the grid.

People in this area now face the daunting prospect of many years of traffic disruption noise light dust pollution on this very short length of fragile coastline and rural environment of responsible humans. We are supposed to be guardians of the countryside. That phrase doesn't sit comfortably alongside an energy coast packed with large scale industrial developments happen when is commendable, but surely it must be delivered without damage to the environment, or how else can it be called green energy? These proposals and all those which we now know will follow our misnomer. You know, the local issues by now, as you say you've heard them stated over and over again. You have heard at these open thought hearings, technical issues described in the tremendous amount of work carried out by other speakers. You must have heard the phrase no coordinated approach with regard to these proposals so many times now, but I hope common sense will prevail. I live along a quiet country they have a wooded garden with the weather running at the bottom, surrounded either side by woodland and open meadows. Numerous birds, insects and animals visit my garden, including bees, buzzards, egrets, pheasants, nightingales, tiny runs and tree creepers. That's a jack. If these proposals go ahead, I will be living adjacent to a construction site for the rest of my life. Whilst wildlife will be forced to move away, I will be unable to. It has not been made clear in any of the documentation how the described impacts on my life will be minimised during the construction phases. There has been no mention of any mitigation to effective practice along the cable corridors and hallways, noise pollution, light pollution, dust pollution, vibrations, the loss of trees, animals and birds. I'm able to sit quietly in my garden and wood. These are major issues to me. The joints of my property has requested a site visit so you can see for yourselves to fully understand my issues, and to see why I am fighting for my well being in my advancing years. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my dismay and concerns regarding the ScottishPower proposals.

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Thank you very much.

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Very clear and detailed contribution. Thank you.

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Okay, we move now on to our third speaker. And that's Mr. Bobby Rue sack mystery Sakhi with us. I am.

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Can you hear me?

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I can hear you Mister. Yes. And I can see you, Mr. sec. You have five minutes in which to make me wish to make your points. And Mr. Williams will will let you know when you have one minute remaining. And again, when you start your contribution, if you could introduce yourself, please. And we're ready whenever you are. Thank you.

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Good afternoon, and thank you for letting me speak at this hearing. I'm Bobby rezac. I've lived in East Suffolk for most of my life, and have a special interest in the village of Friston where I used to live in the 80s. I've tried to follow the process of the applications by scottishpower and very much in favour of offshore wind farms and have become aware of the devastation of the environment after seeing the cable channels for East Anglia one, which comes ashore aborted some 10 miles south of the present proposal. These cable channels travel over 30 miles under the river demon travelling north of Ipswich and connect to the grid at Stowmarket. This has caused significant damage to the environment both in the process of construction and remain a scar on the landscape after five years. This has struck me as a project well qualified for the planning error of the decade. However, I now understand that planning consent for the board seat cabled side was given on the basis there would also be used by the then in early planning stage East Anglian or cable channels to connect to the grid. For unknown reasons Scottish law have decided not to meet their obligation to use this planning option. scottishpower have done little to assist me in responding to my emails about my specific concerns about their proposal. Other than standard responses.

You have heard submissions about the impact of the immediate environment, but the two cable channels the fact that scottishpower eventually disclosed the carrying capacity for each cable was 50% less than stated in the original documents. This supports my thoughts of the company's lack of interest in their planning process. I believe that this is being rushed forward in an attempt to avoid proper consultation with local people. The fact that the application originally related to two offshore units, and now further six offshore units with an as yet to be disclosed number of further cable channels, which will all be linked to the power unit at first and this has only recently become discoverable. This I believe is one of the reasons that Scottish mob altered their plans for alien also original side of palsy to a cable channel coming ashore at thorpeness. I think the fact that these applications have had no support from local representatives, MPs or counsellors should have made Scottish pass stop and rethink the process. Instead, there ignore the groundswell of local concerns and continue to judge blindly on with the application. My feeling about these applications are that wind power will serve a valid part of the UK power supplies. The southern North Sea because it's relatively shallow and not subject to murder major weather events is a good location for wind farms. However, the process of getting the power into the National Grid needs to be thought through on a joined up basis. Because this application

does so much damage both long and short term. It fails and one of the key tests of benefit over disadvantage. I believe several people have outlined how this could be improved, maybe scottishpower on able to make these changes, other companies I'm sure will be more capable. Mr. Chairman, you've asked other applicants to provide details to the planning applications being linked to the frison site. I will do this to the best of my ability, I believe you should recommend to the Secretary of State, the sorry, the Minister of State, but the application cannot proceed as EDI because it needs rethinking for the connection to the grid, you will have noticed that scottishpower asking for planning motion for two separate units. I would ask that you recommend to the Minister of State that the project should be run together so as to reduce the potential disruption time, wherever they are based. Thank you for your time.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Issa. Back up leave my my colleague Mr. Smith would just like to ask you a quick question.

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Indeed. And thank you very much, Mr. Hockley. And thank you, Mr. rusick. And I was going to return actually to the action list for the very first open floor hearing that we held open floor hearing number one, and where and I'm number of speakers did refer to the balance of adverse impacts, and essentially those being higher in weight than the benefit of the project. Now I know Mr. Russo, you've just made a similar reference unconscious that you're already promising to write into us with lists of additional transmission connections that you say we should take into account. Can I also ask when you do write into us please to refer to the way in which you consider the balance is not met that harms outweigh benefits in terms of Section 1047 of the Planning Act of 2008. That would be very, very helpful. Indeed.

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This is the they'll do that to the best of my ability. I'm not a technical person. It's simply observation of an ordinary member of the public.

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Thank you very much. Thank

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Thank you, Miss Teresa. Okay, if we move on to our next speaker now, please and the speaker have now is Sheridan stain. Messina, you with us?

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I am Hello. Hello.

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Yes, I can see you and hear you earlier.

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Just as a reminder, obviously, that you have five minutes in which to make your points and Mr. Williams will let you know when you have one minute remaining. And also when you begin your contribution if you could introduce yourself, please. And we're ready whenever you are. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. My name is Sheridan Steen. And I am resident of Friston having lived here for 34 years. fragility, fragility of the village and villages and communities that will be affected. Firstly, the fragility of thorpiness the cliffs are incredibly fragile. With the houses on North End Avenue under threat of collapse, and the Airbnb will not withstand the onslaught of multiple trenches. The road system is fragile, the area's crisscross with small rural routes. In their consultation, the applicant stated that the increase in traffic due to the construction would be negligible. As a result of COVID we have seen how quickly these routes can become overcrowded. The increase in tourist traffic has shown this the a 109 for from Friday farm to obrah has always been dangerous. I personally witnessed a fatal crash east of the least and turning. Now we have more tourist traffic and a far greater number of cyclists including family groups with children using this route. In fact, this road forms part of the National Cycle route one. Take a careful look at the road crossing at all bruh golf club where players their dogs, children and trolleys have to dodge the traffic on the a 109 for crossing between courses or driving out of the car park. The view down the road is limited. The increased traffic will not have a negligible impact there is a consultation. When asked what the applicants consider to be a negligible change in traffic.

Their response was an increase of between 20 to 24% would be regarded as negligible. Undoubtedly, undoubtedly, there will be death and life changing events should the application be approved. The ambulances will not make the return trip from Ipswich to obrah in 18 minutes. Google's estimate currently is 14 minutes each way. The Fast services from all Bradley's Dylan Saxmundham will not make their shots on time. lifeboats will not be launched in time to save the yachtsman or the child drifting out to sea on her All his Lyla carers already pressed for time will struggle to reach their patients living in their own homes. Please take a very careful look at the traffic issues that will arise at the orebro roundabout. Even if no hgvs go into obrah, the white van man and then sillery cars will SPR said that the residents who park their cars along with the Saxmundham and least in red will have to park elsewhere. I'd like to know where noise and light impact. It is imperative that the planning inspectors visit the village of Kristen afterdark giving you an insight into both the total silence but also the darkness of the skies. The applicants proposal for mitigation Reen, noise and light pollution are laughable if they weren't so serious. The word noise is derived from the Latin word nausea implying unwanted sound or sound that is loud, unpleasant or unexpected. It can be defined as wrong sound in the wrong place and at the wrong time. I would like to direct the planning Inspectorate to the Bewley buzz, energy firm SSE in 2015 had to spend million subduing the unacceptable noise from the West belpre substation in Scotland. The Community Council Chairman Steve bidford said the higher cost of repair was a problem of SS ease own making. If it had shown due diligence and done the noise survey correctly before work began. It would have known the noise impacts of these Transformers Florence Nightingale recognised recognised noise as a health hazard in 1859. When she read, unnecessary noise is the cruellest abuse of care which can be inflicted on either the sick or the well. The Friston bus should not be allowed. Flooding and Wragge assessment. The village does flood and I've submitted video footage of recent events in my submission. The applicants mitigation plans are inadequate bearing in mind that the plan site sits above the village. The applicants Wragge assessment needs to be carefully scrutinised. This

year in our gardener Lynn I recorded 35 species of birds including a peregrine falcon, and and owls, three species of bats, hedgehogs, news, frogs, grass snakes, and an increasing number of bees and butterflies. a growing body of research is being gathered on how anthropogenic noise affects wildlife. I make further reference in my written submission.

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The applicants proposal concerning mitigation of noise and screening are woefully unclear, brave word which the applicant claims will screen not ashore and parts of the village was this year partially fell due to ash dieback. It is highly likely that more trees will need to be felled, and its cleaning effects diminished the plans to plant trees to screen the villages flawed, who will police unmonitored these plantations and for how long and ensure that we will be left with just the forest green plastic tree protectors with canes retreating Friston visitors?

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Yes, of course. Yes.

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Bristol village on the face of it appears to be a small and insignificant Suffolk village. indeed one of the applicants representatives when they made their first consultation said and I quote, you are more intelligent than we expected. And then other said Friston could become the largest energy hub in Europe. Thank you very much for hearing me.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Dean. And thank you for that very clear contribution. And I hope you look to notice that we have done various site visits around the area and around the rutile. Obviously, of course, I did notice in your submission then that you mentioned visiting Friston after dark if you like so, just to confirm that we will we will consider that in our in our next site locations.

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Thank you so

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much. Thank you very much. No problem. Okay, if we can move on to the next speaker in our place. And that's Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas. Miss Miss Miss Thomas, I can see you there. That's great. You have five minutes in which to make your points. Again, Mr. Williams will let you know when you have one minute remaining. And when you begin your contribution if you could also introduce yourself, and we're ready whenever you are. Thank you.

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Good afternoon. My name is Elizabeth Thomas, and I live in Bristol for 10 years. I am also a member of the CCS group. I want to talk about the encirclement of Friston if SPR plans are approved. If this project goes ahead, our small village of Friston will be totally surrounded by traffic and indeed incorporated into the development itself. We already have the 1094 to the cells that will become a main route to and from the site. There's a b 1069 to the east and then Amid going to be a major entry point for the whole road

under construction compounds, the B 121. To the west already bisects severely, but there will be an unknown future amounts of traffic associated with SPR. In addition, we're going to be faced with the whole road to the north and east. For the extent of the build this will be used by the bulk of construction traffic and associated workings. Every one of these routes will closely surround this village and effect the result of the increase in SPR construction and site traffic. Kristen and its residents will be corralled turning us into one large traffic Island. The applicant has made much of the exclusion of hgvs from certain routes of the B 1121 and the B 1122. From all bruh there is no similar exclusion or monitoring for all other types of vehicles associated with this development. SPR state they cannot control the routes in which these support vehicles will travel. It appears that are unknown numbers of vehicle movements which will impact on all the roads and in particular firstly.

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Furthermore, in the event of any closure of the 1094, or the junction of the a 12, a 1094, which is a key route to the holiday destination of all bruh. The only alternative route is through Friston SPR has failed to address any contingency plans which prevent minor roads becoming rat runs, such as B 1121. Through Friston. At the beginning of the year, we first became aware of sprs plans to create a pre construction road at the edge of the village. With the only access through the village itself. It appears in the first instance this pre construction road will be operational for 15 months, but it could last for the duration of the build. It's adjacent to homes the church the village hall, allotments, recreation facilities and working farms. In addition to this, we have access 13 on the B one one to one. It's the stated point of entry for National Grid construction employees. The number of vehicles and personnel using this access has not been declared by SPR. beyond your route to this point is through Friston itself.

It appears we now have two additional entry points from Kristen village to the substation site. This is contrary to the assurances given by SPR during the consultation phase regarding access points, 12 and 13 SPR must state without any ambiguity, the purpose frequency of use timescale of use type of vehicle access anticipated and the safety measures for egress and access at such visually poor points. unhappily, most of SPR maps do not show the proximity of the works to the village. The maps produced by SPR at consultation and knitted to show the position of these roads in relation to the village. One can only assume this was a deliberate attempt on the part of SPR to prevent residents understanding the impact of this development on our village. Not only are we facing the prospect of the two serpents of SPR developments, but in the last year we've become aware of the associated cumulative traffic impacts from other developments. And in particular National Grid ventures. I'm referring to the outline plans for the construction of an interconnected to the south of Preston to meet use of the substation yet another development maps issued by National Grid ventures indicate they're considering their own whole road on the southern edge of the village within a few hundred metres of many homes, possibly an overlapping timescale. It is in comprehensible that a village and its residents should be incorporated into a building project with no regard for their community, the consequences of which is that Preston will be surrounded by construction for 12 hours a day, seven days a week of SPR gets its way, and that for the next seven years. If this development goes ahead, the village of Kristen and the residents will lose any identity, history and value. This will affect us to the very core of our existence affect the rural setting of our village imposing restrictions on all aspects of our lives. Thank you very much for listening to me.

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Thank you very much for your contribution. Mrs. Thomas. I believe Mr. Smith would just like to make a quick point.

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Yes, briefly, and thank you again, was Thomas in the first session this morning, and points were raised about the impacts arising from other potential projects that might connect to the transmission system and Kristen Over and above the two projects applied for here. And I would just like to reiterate, given that you weren't part speaking in that session and may not have been online for it, that we asked that anybody who is referring to such other projects if they can possibly do so, by naming them in a list, and put them in a deadline to what we're aiming to achieve here is that we have the best possible shared understanding that we will test with national grid and the applicants of the range of projects that are potentially being brought, proposed to be brought to connect at first. And so if you're able to add your understanding into that collection, that would be very, very useful. Indeed.

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I will do that. Thank you.

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Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mrs. Thomas. Okay, if we can move on to the next speaker. And it's Maria is back. Mrs. Back. Are you with us today?

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I am. Thank you.

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Excellent. I can see you and hear you. And I hope I made a fair enough approximation of your surname.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. You have five minutes in which to make your point. Mr. Williams. Again, we'll let you know when you have one minute remaining. And when you begin your contribution, could you also introduce yourself, please, and we're ready whenever you are. Thank you.

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Thank you. Thank you for the opportunity to speak this afternoon. My name is Marie Spark. I'm a resident of Friston and a supporter of renewable technologies. I'd like to begin by sharing with you an extract from a book by Clarissa Thomas. This book is a short Illustrated History of the village close to the old Ester in East Suffolk known as forest and it is a celebration on the occasion of the millennium of

the life in the area from the earliest settlements to occupation by the Romans, to invasion by the Frisians from whence the village gets its name. Then onto the Middle Ages when the World Trade brought prosperity, with much land in Friston being used as sheep walks to the arrival of the post mill, the tallest in England in 1812, and the development of an almost self-sufficient estate village in the 19th and 20th centuries. The final chapter of the book at the dawn of a new century, and the following words, the future is impossible to predict over the long term. Some things however, remain constant, and one of them is people. These are the individuals and groups who keep the community alive, preserve traditions, support institutions and each other and look forward to the future with new ideas, open minds, and an enthusiasm for what life and change will bring to the village of Friston in the 21st century. I moved into Friston in March 2017. Despite warnings from friends I bought a thatched grey to the stick cottage is situated adjacent to the grade to start this to church, which I'm told was the earliest existing building in the village.

The warnings were about maintaining an old property and the dangers of a thatched roof. But of course, what I bought was a piece of history. The book I referred to earlier mentions that in 1674, there were 31 inhabited houses in the parish, and the two of them no detailed map exists. These were probably clustered around the church. One of these cottages is my home. What's lovely about living in a village especially if you have dogs as I do is that you do a lot of walking people say hello. When I moved here locals having ascertained if I was a holiday maker or not, would ask where I lived. On responding. I'd be met with oh that's Barrels House. Barrel died in 2003. And her ashes are buried just 50 metres from the house and garden in the churchyard marked by stone which says and I quote, she loves this place just over a year ago is in my back garden when I saw two gentlemen looking towards me and pointing, we got chatting and they told me they were born in one of the rooms in my house. They were in the church visiting the grave of their grandparents Bertie and Dolly Smith, who had also lived in my house. I invited them in for a cup of tea. And as we went on a tour of the house, they told me stories about how each room used to look. A few months later they returned with copies of family photos, mostly from the 1950s and 60s, but some as far back as 1913 history to cherish. I consider myself to be a guardian of my home of Barrels House of Bertie and Dolly's house, a guardian of past generations going back to the 1600s and a guardian for future generations. Guardians defend protect and look after. That is why I and indeed the villages of Friston are fighting the applicants proposals. Our mediaeval village is under threat of destruction, the applicant SPR And of course, National Grid ventures are planning to do what nobody else has managed to do since the 1100s. Destroy the village and one of its constants to people. I know you've heard from many others about the day to day threats we face if development consent is granted, and I will recap them if I have time at the end of my presentation.

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Even though the applicant has not had consent granted, the prospect of what may come to the village is sucking the very life out of villages. They are depressed worry and anxiety is evident. The 1000 year history of our village could end here in the name of green energy, concrete industrial structures that may be a lifespan of 25 years. The spirit of Friston their lives on the desire to protect our religion, its heritage is worth the fight. On Sunday, as we do every year of religious interest and will gather around our great to the Civil War Memorial in our tranquil church on the last post will be played, the two minutes silence will be held ravalli will be sounded the act of remembrance when Risa played at the

foot of the memorial, and the names of each of the villages who died defending their village in our country, we read out, prayers for peace will be said, and the national anthem will be played this historic act and Mark respect by current villages for past villages, the Circle of Life of history, some things remain constant, and one of them is people that attempt for 10 years to come. If our community and frister survives. They will not have to remember those people who fought to preserve our village in its community in the 21st century from the Spanish conglomerate, which includes SPR, I support and extend my thanks to say cc's Friston parish Council and all other individuals and organisations who are also fighting these proposals. And I urge you to recommend the rejection of consent for the EA one nos and EA to on short application. Thank you. Thank you

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very much Miss back in your your contribution. Now, you're very clear and personal contribution mishpat. You mentioned it a book about the history of Friston. Yes. Now, I don't know, obviously, whether it be possible to submit that in evidence or to submit relevant excerpts? Because I think that would be very useful if it could be.

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Yes, the copy I actually have is borrowed from a neighbour but I got asked him and if I sent it off to you for guarantee it would be returned. That'd be that'd be great.

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If if there's possible maybe relevant experts in it, which could be photocopied or scanned and emailed in that would be excellent. And then obviously, we don't have to take your, your, your personal or your neighbor's personal copy from them.

42:35

Okay, we'll do that for you. No problem.

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That's, that's brilliant. Thank you very much.

42:41

Okay, thank you. So we've reached the end of the list of speakers on the agenda, I'll just double check that. William Reeve hasn't arrived. And no, he hasn't. So that's the end of the list of speakers for this afternoon. And I just like to thank you all today on behalf of the panel for your contributions, which have been most useful to us. So we now move on to agenda item five, and that's the applicant contribution. Mr. Dennis, do you have any contributions this afternoon.

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Thank you, Mr. Hockey is colonists on behalf of the applicants, I would just like to again return on behalf the applicants to thank those people that have taken the time to make representations in respect to the applications. Again, the open floor hearings have raised a wide range of issues. And certainly I would not be in a position to respond to all those now. And it'd be our intention to respond to both the

written submissions. And also any matters raised today about the technical nature at deadline to but apart from that, I have nothing further to add at this stage. So

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thank you very much, Mr. Innes. And just a reminder to to all of our speakers for anyone watching the live stream or recording. And there's obviously opportunity to respond to anything that you've heard today if you think it's wrong, or if you disagree with then respond to us in writing by deadline to please. Thank you very much. I should just hand over now to Mrs. Jones for agenda item six.

44:09

Thank you, Mr. Hockley. The purpose of this item of the agenda is to provide the examining authorities with a check point on any actions that have arisen from this hearing. And some hearings, there are actions placed on the applicants or interested parties, for example, that certain documents should be provided or the work done by a particular deadline. Mr. Smith has been keeping a note of these during this open law hearing. Mr. Smith, would you like to raise any action points today?

44:36

Thank you very much. Mrs. Jones. Yes, there are three that I have recorded. And firstly in relation to points that were initially raised by Bridget D'Angelo in session one and there have been a number of contributions, however, raising concern that there are additional energy projects seeking to make connections to the transmission system. Friston. And we have asked all people who are raising such projects, please to give us the list as they understand it of such projects. So that we can move, as I've said, to as close a shared understanding between us, the applicants, and indeed national grid in its various guises around the specific proposals that are sought potentially to be connected first. And so that's a that's an action on Bridgette D'Angelo, but on any other speaker as well, who was referred to possible additional projects, and seeking to connect first. And the second action that I've recorded is that Bobby restack, and made reference to a view that the balance of impact here was adverse, the adverse impacts emerging from the two applications before the examining authorities outweighed their benefits, which is one of the tests that the Secretary of State has to consider when making a final decision on these applications, further to Section 104, bracket seven of the Planning Act of 2008.

So again, where people are suggesting that that adverse balance and point arises, what we are asking is that in their written submissions that deadline to that they pleased draw the reasoning for and the basis for that conclusion to us, and in their submission in writing. And then finally, was back. And there was a request that if possible, and relevant extracts from the history of Friston that you referred us to, and could be scanned or photographed off or photocopied and sent in, I think it's important that we don't take an original book, because we're the best in the world. I don't think it would be sensible for us to do so just in case, it did get lost in the machinery and wasn't returned. However, if relevant extracts can be scanned, that will that will help us quite substantially. So those are the three actions that I have arising from the speaker's points today. And can I just check with my colleagues whether there are any further actions that anybody believe should be brought forward? I'll just check. Mr. Hockley and Mrs. Jones, not seeing any hands rising. And one final general observation and a couple of speakers have referred to requests for site inspections. The opportunity to make those requests wasn't deadline one, which passed on Monday, we are in the process of reviewing, I have to say, a vast amount of material

that has been brought before us a deadline one and we will be very, very carefully considering requests for a company site inspections. And there will be a need to consider very carefully the method and approach that we use to enable this to occur because we need to ensure that whatever public health contract controls apply at that point, when we wish to bring our site inspections forward, those controls are met, enabling us to as far as possible view the locations that people have requested that we inspect. All I will say at this juncture is we are working very hard to ensure that we can carry physical site inspections out if at all possible. And if those do not prove to be possible, because of even more stringent public health controls coming into force, then we will be using alternative processes, and including enabling the submission of additional photographic and video evidence but we won't go there until we know that we cannot carry out physical inspections. Okay, that's me done. So I will hand you then back to Mrs. Jones to draw this session to a close.

49:06

Thank you very much, Mr. Smith. This has been open floor hearing for reference to the notice for hearings we'll identify that we did have time reserved for open floor hearing for a later this afternoon and this evening, as a place to adjourn business from here had this hearing not proceeded or being disrupted. Having reached this point we can now be clear that open floor hearing for a will not be needed. And so I will announce that it will be cancelled and the cancellation notice will be posted on the website shortly. Our next open floor hearing in this examination is tomorrow. The examination timetables include these and other hearing arrangements is published on both websites. Please do take a look. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the speakers for their contributions. We do appreciate that you would all prefer us to be there to hear you in person but we are trying our best to conduct the examination as safely as possible in the circumstances in which we find ourselves and we wouldn't That everyone who wants to be engaged will be engaged. We are extremely grateful of the effort and professionalism that has been shown by all our speakers, not just today. But in all our open floor hearing sessions. So far, we assure you that everything that has been said today will be carefully considered, if necessary, the examining authorities mainly to pursue matters identified here in written questions, or in other hearings. I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the case team for supporting these hearings. Unless there is anything else that anyone wishes to raise today. I'll take that as a no, I will not ask all of my colleagues to come back and say their goodbyes.

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Thank you, Mrs. Jones. Just to reiterate, thank you all for your contributions today, which have been most useful. Goodbye.

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Indeed. Thank you very much, Mrs. Jones. And again, from me, Rynd Smith panel lead. Thank you to everybody who has contributed today and we will be bearing everything that you have brought in front of us very carefully in our minds as we move forward. Thank you very much.

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Thank you again, everyone. I will now close open floor hearing for Thank you