

East Anglia OFH 5 Lunchtime Session 2

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Welcome back, everybody. And I trust that we've all had a comfort break and that we can move directly on to the second block of speakers in open floor hearing five. My name is Rynd Smith, and I'm the lead member of this panel and I will be leading speakers in the remaining components of this hearing. I will just very briefly take you through the speakers that I'm expecting to hear from. I have on my list Mr. Paul Chandler, Mr. Mike Kaplan, Mr. Tim beach, Mr. Caplin, representing first and parish Council and Mr. Beach snake parish Council. Anthony Easton, I understand is not yet with us, but is due to join us very shortly and an arrangement has been made to admit him to the hearing as soon as he arrives. And then finally, I believe I have Mr. David y bar representing old Brook Golf Club.

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On that basis, ladies and gentlemen, let us proceed directly. Can I ask if we do have Mr. Paul Chandler here and ready to speak?

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Good morning, Mr. Smith. I am ready. Good morning, Mr. Chandler, you are an old and accomplished hand at this process now. Unfortunately, so unfortunately, so But nevertheless, and on this occasion you are I understand representing yourself rather than an organisation. So you have five minutes in which to make your points. And Mr. Williams will let you know when you have one minute remaining. And obviously when you do begin to speak if you can just introduce yourself for the record. And we are now ready whenever you asked Chandler Thank you, Mr. Smith. My name is Paul Chandler, and a resident of sizeable for 27 years, and also a member of save our soundings and today as you say, I'm speaking in a personal capacity. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge all the previous speakers for their very valuable and emotional contributions with which I totally agree. Rather than sound sounding like a crack record, I won't cover all these subjects again. Instead, I would like to take this opportunity to pose a question directly to the planning Inspectorate. As we have heard, there are a plethora of projects headed towards the east coast, each of which requires considerable effort for all interested parties to research, understand and respond to with representations and submissions. Most of us did not have the advantage of subject matter experts to call upon and rely upon our own initiative and time to respond to coordinators laypersons. My question is as follows. Now that expectorate is aware of these multiple projects and the potential cumulative impacts they bring, what action will they take to ensure there is a proper cross fertilisation of information between examining committees, it is reasonable to assume that the many issues raised during these open floor hearings will be common to all projects, the prospect for the local community going forward.

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race during the second floor hearings will be common to all the prospect for the local community going forward is pretty grim. Attending multiple consultations and subsequent inquiries will result in considerable duplication of efforts not only for all interested parties, but the Inspectorate as well. This is our brown top day, we are destined to repeat the same activities time and again, ad nauseum. the very least I will suggest pins co ops committee members from the three existing dcl applications, ie SPR and EDF to each other's examinations so relevant information is shared equally can be referenced and reviewed at the appropriate stages of each examination. I for one would rather not spend the rest of my life as an unpaid consultant responding to an attending meetings, even though I passionately want the correct outcome for our region have suffered. Having already responded to three major energy projects in the last 15 years it is grossly unreasonable to bombard local communities with a relentless tsunami of projects. As the persistent energy juggernaut rolls our way.

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At this point, I should mention the elephant in the room, or in this case, the large woolly mammoth which is National Grid. I heard if they had been open and honest about their plans for this area, and they've had to request outline planning permission to build us a large substation infrastructure in the lowest and sizable area before offering connections to SPR FL. I'm quite sure the application would have been rejected. It's totally unacceptable in an OB and triple si area, National Grid by their very absence from this consultation process.

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you're given the option decarbonize that decarbonisation action plan, the word environmental occurs only 17 times and costs 105 times lowest cost options take precedent over effects on the environmental carbon footprint. Herein lies the problem cost overall price. Pursuing lowest cost option always means paying a higher price. In this case damaged the very fabric of our communities and way of life. There is no regard for the effect on natural environment, the socio economic impact or any long term benefit to communities. Only once Is there a glimmer of hope. In the paragraph more effective coordination to deliver low cost offshore networks is the sentence to explore whether a more coordinated offshore transmission system could reduce both financial and environmental costs. Is it any wonder we are in the position where we have to choose the least worst option from the seven sites initially proposed? least worst by definition means there is no good option. Finally, I would ask the examining committee to consider this application in two parts. The offshore and onshore asked approval for the offshore element could be granted and allow those words to proceed. The onshore component must be rejected until such time as less environmentally destructive options are accepted and implemented. alternative solutions are available. It also remember your recommendation to the Secretary of State not only concise way to link projects, but all projects

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allowing the proposal opens the floodgates for each and every subsequent project. Let's not allow that to happen. Thank you.

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Thank you very much for that submission, Mr. Chandler, which yet again, raises matters that require very careful consideration. I will just remark that whilst things examining authorities may be able to deal with a lot of matters. And there are certain matters that are to the degree beyond our remit, in the sense that if the existing framework for examination of nationally significant infrastructure projects under the Planning Act of 2008 requires the consideration of individual applications. What I'm afraid we can't immediately offer to do is to pull all those together into somewhat of a grand committee where they will all be considered together not withstanding that you make

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a passionate point about the burden on suffer communities emerging from multiple applications requiring to be considered. And

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so what I can't promise you the solution that you seek in in that particular instance, and But nevertheless, the other matters that you raise, we will in terms of our capacity to deal with matters that are before us consider with with great care. Thank you very much Mr. Chandler. Now, if I can move on, we have Mr. Mike Kaplan, of fresh Friston parish Council, Can I check if Mr. Caplin is here?

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Mr. Captain, I can see you. And now Mr. Caplin, because you are representing the parish Council, you have 10 minutes. And Mr. Williams will provide you with a slide when you're halfway through your allotted time.

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As a five minute marker, and again with another slide when you have one minute left. When you begin your contribution. Could you introduce yourself please? And the floor is now yours. proceed when you're ready.

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Thank you, Mr. Smith. Ladies and gentlemen. Good morning. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my thoughts with you today on Mike Kaplan, chairman of the fishdom parish Council. My surname is often misspelt in this immediate case by the planning Inspectorate, but they're in good company as the heir to the throne or he said he was also guilty recently of the same error. Often misspelt, to that other chap who's trademarks where he's bowler hat moustache and walking stick, whose full name was Charlie. I'm one of the team of residents who find themselves engaged in boring repetitive tasks, which are to do largely with the review of planning permissions, seeing to the access or the lack of it to footpaths, bridleways and pavements in and around the village and parish ensuring the grass on the green is cut culverts and ditches or vegetation free and that hedges do not limit access to

public access ways. This was a non unhappy rule task until development arrived in the shade if it has one of electricity. I don't

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Not much about this great invisible force. You'll know from my accent, if not my reputation, that I emanated from an area of London, in which electricity was welcomed as a gift from heaven, bringing nothing but positive benefit to its users following World War Two, with its bombs Blitz destruction and chaos to life. In 1997, my wife and I made the largest move our lives and purchased a property in Frisco alongside the a 109 for Lily Pond cottages, opposite the function of the slow lane bridleway with the motorway, which is what we call the 109 for running from the age of 12 to obrah. In 1997, it wasn't the motorway. traffic was less in size and volume and traffic speed was slower even in the summer. Our reason for selecting the house was that it was affordable, and it put us into the area we'd come to love. After 13 plus years of sharing a week's annual summer holiday with our children and close friends in Brisbane where we live previously. In barking, barking ethic days. My wife retired from a teaching post Redbridge and involved herself with issues that obrah Baptist Church became a governor of the primary school in the town. I continued to commute to London occasionally to pursue my professional role in the smoke, and was aided in this by the provision of the bathroom from obrah to Ipswich station. Via 44 Lily Pond cottages, I would stand on the porch, wait to see the bus approaching and wave it down at my gate, have a pleasant conversation now with fellow travellers and staff and repeat the journey in the opposite direction later in the day.

However, I was fooled by this pretension of Paradise, the transport franchise moved from Suffolk coastal transport to last buses. They call themselves first, but I call them last with good reason. For the same reason that I've turned down a local rail franchise lesser Anglia. And I was faced by the choice of an unpredictable local dialect bus service. local taxes usually busy with unpredictable school runs driving to Woodbridge, where I could usually be guaranteed a space in the carpark at the station, or a one and a half walk along the stream sorry, the bridle path to not essential for a pastor Saxmundham eventually. However, this was not the only prediction of Paradise afforded me by the area. Soon after accepting the role I now occupy my colleagues and I were informed that we were at to experience the delights of a 12 year period of intense construction within the fishdom parish and its neighbours to cope with the electrical supply from offshore wind farms, Euro cabled electricity, and a massive increase in nuclear generated power from sizewell. Three vast power initiatives during the same period focused primarily on one parish in Suffolk. Now, how massive is this area to accommodate all this event? developmental technology? Does it rival in size? The ration steps the Midwest prairies, the Argentinian Pampas or the Sahara desert for accommodation? sighs? Well, actually, No, it doesn't. Friston is a small though opinions vary as to whether it's delightfully formed or not. A small space squeezed along the Old River, and bordered by four or five other parishes. The village itself lacks just about every facility for normal living. It has no shop, no post office, no bank, no resident GP service or school. It has a part time currently locked down public enters the checkers and two churches St Mary the Virgin and the strip Baptist chapel, both architectural II winsome in their way, but hardly overcrowded. It has a disused windmill, a first class vehicle repair establishment, and that more or less is Friston. However, a number of people call it home and love it dearly. they adore its narrow crooked lanes, and the limitations in its rural layout. Some even find romance in the easy flooding of parts, lanes and tarmac to narrow roads because, well, if you're giving way to an oncoming trailer of sugarbeet, you have time to

enjoy the sun's beams and the incredibly beautiful cloud formations. However, much of this is to disappear if plough planning has its way rare wildlife habitats or disappear. Ancient woodland will be lost. The ethos of years of natural development will be catastrophic Lee

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overturned and replaced by constructors wilderness. This is the kind of thing you can see it many major developmental science. It's the kind of vision that face the residence of Dungeness Whitstable and Herne Bay, when when the nuclear power was introduced in Kent, although not in such a concentrated manner, as he's panned for us in he suffered, surely, and this is the purpose of these initial meetings this week. Such intensive activity is not necessary in such a concentrated manner, in an area which has his VISTA of outstanding natural beauty and conservation that bring calm and peace to the busy and overwrought lives of many thousands of people annually, who live and work in and holiday in the area.

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So why here, and why now? Well, actually, we've not been offered any explanations, so I'm left to speculate somewhat last. According to the 2011 census, 311 adults are numbered as residing in for instance, now gone up to 345 understand, the area in which the parish stands encompasses some 1871 acres, which include five acres of inland water 10 acres of tidal water, and 124 acres of foreshore. This means that 311 345 residents occupy a parish of 9,152,440 square yards That is to say, one resident one adult resident to each 29,429 square yards approximately equivalent to the area of six football pitches or three envisaged scottishpower wind generated electricity converters or transformers. This makes observation of the parish area for signs of development or unknown and unrecognised activity very difficult and makes the parish therefore, an ideal site for the kind of development that most people do not desire in the plot next door to where they live, or indeed even 100 yards or two away. The land contours of the parish are not conducive to easy build. The liability of flooding has been amply illustrated this year as the poor quality of many roads structures, which will not cope with the friction of the size and weight of much of the vehicular traffic, which will wish to use them over the 12 plus year build period envisaged.

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The se C's group with who the parish Council have worked in close concert in this area have been of enormous assistance in all aspects of technical consultancy supplying an incredibly high level of reliable information. And we the parish council are pleased to both support and endorse the written reputation representations that they've already made to the inspector. Consequently, looking at the likely total cost of the project, one realises how much money in real terms will have to be spent on this venture, which is designed really to please only the constructing organisations and their shareholders. It must also be borne in mind that this venture is only vaguely standalone. other organisations in similar energy areas are also already actively planning expansions to their operations in the area. And at the moment, there seems to be no cohesive wish to share expertise, operation or user end delivery in order to reduce the potential anti social and fragrant environmental risk that appears to be totally ignored by the developers or conceal beneath the label of mitigation.

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Worthy envisaged. Mr. Kaplan, can I ask you to join us after conclusion now, please, I've got two sentences, Mr. Smith, if that's okay, that's fine. Well, the visits cost of genuine mitigation to be calculated, it would undoubtedly exceed the build cost of the development. Bearing this in mind, would it not be a good idea to take a step back and give interested parties a real opportunity to pool resources and expertise, so that an efficient, cost effective parents delay should have lasting quality and capacity could be constructed? One that would meet national industrial, domestic and environmental requirements without the dreadful disunity which the current plans with all their limitations are shorter cause at every level? Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Kaplan. Okay. Now, I do note that whilst Mr. Kaplan was

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Speaking and that we were joined by Antony Easton who is scheduled to speak at present after the next speaker. So the next speaker will be Tim beech for snake parish Council. And Mr. beech you In turn, also will have 10 minutes because you're representing that body. And then welcome Mr. Easton. I will call upon you to speak in 10 minutes time, after we have heard from Tim beach for slate parish Council. So can I just ask now, do we have Mr. beach here and ready to speak?

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I'm here. Can you see me? I can see you now. Mr. beech. That's excellent. So as I've indicated, you've got 10 minutes to make your points. And Mr. Williams, the case manager will give you a slide five minutes when you're halfway through your allotted time. And he'll give you another slide again, when you've got one minute left to draw yourself to a conclusion. When you begin your contribution in the normal way, if you could introduce yourself, please. And the floor is now yours. Go ahead when you're ready. And Thank you chair parish Council. And there are three main issues I wanted to try to raise one around consultation, a bit about traffic and commune cumulative impact. And and lots of other people have touched on that. I've tried to keep them specific to Snape. But I do think they're illustrative of some of the wider issues on consultation. As a village. We've raised our concerns with SPR since right through October,

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about the potential impact on Snape in the area as a whole and the lack of consultation that we as a village feel that we've had over an extended period of time. And in our view and the decio and the response to representation. That's still the case.

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There's a village we've had the opportunity to meet with SPR staff. on two occasions now. We've requested meetings with SPR and the county council to discuss the project, the projects I should have said and specifically traffic management, which I'll come back to through the spring and summer 2018. And whilst the county council were available for nearly all of the offer dates that we had, spr were unavailable for all until November 2018. And we had a short briefing for the parish Council. That that meeting, we requested a wider public meeting, given the potential impact on the village of the projects. And it was agreed that we would hold an extraordinary parish council meeting that which SPR would

outline their plans. And as importantly for us and we stretch this here and respond to the concerns we had as a village from residents. We had a meeting in March 2019. And we had probably more than 70 people attend that meeting. The meeting took place over approximately two hours and SPR were gracious and express the thanks for the opportunity to speak and listen and also for the manner in which the meeting was wrong. At SR SPL staff who attended accepted that a number of important issues had been raised, which needed to be addressed. Specifically, it was accepted that there had been no real assessment of the impact of traffic at the junction of the A 1094 and the B 1069. At that meeting the issue of the cumulative impact of both SPR and the EDF projects, and latterly, as we know others with National Grid were raised repeatedly and as was the site selection by national grid and national groups absence from public dialogue.

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In the DC or response to our relevant representations, the PC has noted that

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the meeting we had with SPI is described as a briefing

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page one, line five, we asked for and understood that the consultation would allow applicants to outline their concerns about the project and offer them the opportunity to SPR or be offered the opportunity to listen to our concerns. And when possible, address them. The PC now do not feel that that consultation has either been adequate or fair given the potential impacts on the quality of information, research and calculation contained within the dcl. And the response to our relevant representations. And prior written much more complex submissions. There's probably support for renewable energy generally in the village but the location of the site, the potential impact on the environment, the road network, levels of noise and air pollution and the lack of consideration the direct impact of the project on the village of Snape itself generally and specifically around traffic on demand the proposals outlined in the DCR. One thing one point I would like to make is that we would encourage you please to visit that junction of the 1069 of the attendees

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94 there are very specific issues about queuing, traffic and traffic management which we have outlined already in our submissions. Briefly, I wanted to touch on the environmental impact

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the opposition to the proposals to build a substation that we have as a villager based on the impact, the construction will have visually and environmentally adjacent to an area of eo n, d, and the small rural roads and collaborations. And so many people have made those contributions and again today that I don't want to replicate them.

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The PC also noted around the environment, the recent formal recording of the concerns of our local MP who articulated those at least as well as anybody else has done. Similarly, Suffolk County Council he suffered Council and a whole host of other bodies, and I still dissatisfied with the DCR the lack of detail

remains a concern. So it was in Snape and particularly the PC given the length of time that's been available to SPR to construct and researched the proposed developments. I can I'll touch on transport,

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in the view of the parish council that DCR remains a deeply unsatisfactory document. Principally it doesn't reflect the detailed research that we had expected from our meetings, feedback and submissions, and the specific DCR responses to our written representations leave the issues largely unaddressed.

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The PC parish council noted at the time in 2019, that Snape was not named in the stage for consultations, but was erroneously referred to the village of church common, which doesn't exist, there was no assessment again of the impact of the additional traffic at the junction of the big 1069 with the 1894. Despite in chapter 26, that junction been flagged as a collision cluster, it was not recorded as a sensitive junction that was explained in the meeting with SPR is being

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as a consequence of them not having to turn at that junction. So we did not been assessed.

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SPR staff expected at that parish council meeting that this was a significant oversight on their part, and that work would be necessary. There's no evidence in their dcl that that work has been completed. And there's nothing more that I've read that shows that work has been completed.

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So it's still outstanding.

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There is the DCR response to concerns about access to local facilities such as the local church has been addressed in part, but not the underlying issue of increased traffic volumes. The traffic flow analysis as outlined in the dcl, under the PC meeting reflected high numbers of traffic movement movements, and a potential high impact along the 1094. And it was suggested that there would be further research and mitigation would be possible. But again, there's no evidence of that having happened. And one of the things that we did specifically wants to raise is that there's an assumption in the documentation that the 1894 as it comes through snake is wide enough to allow passing HTV traffic that we've raised that as an issue, any regular user of that road can attest it on a daily basis, the number of points on that road hgvs. And large boxes have to slow down and stop. And as a slight aside, but it's it's evidence, when we did a litter pick at the end of last year, along that track of 1094. Within the village, we recovered 15 winners from that section of the road alone. We had did take a photograph of those just by way of evidence

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at the parish council meeting with SPR in March 2019. We did offer them a suggested one way traffic law. Again, they accepted that was a reasonable suggestion. There is no evidence that that that

suggestion has been looked at. And again, a small point, the parish council noted that the SPR asserted it was falling numbers of traffic collisions on the road. And that was evidence of reduced collisions. We would say that that might be as well the result of reduced police numbers and

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cumulative impact so many people have touched on this already.

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But we raised the issue very specifically, the very first meetings we've had at that stage. We were largely concerned about sizewell c. and traffic from sizewell C, taken together with SPR. Again, lots of other speakers have made the point that the whole issue

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You have cumulative impact, particularly now with national grid and all the other connections, and all the other work and the length of period that will go on for as had must have a really significant effect on the amount of traffic on that road. And still, that work does not be carried out by SPR.

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Just a small point, economic impact. The PC flagged really early on a piece of research by a body called research policy analysts for the NRS three partnership which estimated the value of tourism to this immediate area at 100 million pounds per annum. All of that is at risk, we would assert. And again, that piece of research has not been taken into consideration. To conclude, we don't feel as if parish council that we have been engaged with properly and that the information that we've got allows us as a village to make any constructive

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decision about how the potential damage and traffic impact can be mitigated. And we would oppose the plans as they currently stand.

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Thank you very much, Mr. beech. That is the end of your allotted time. So I trust that. That is now the end of your remarks. And what I will remind you is that you've obviously made some detailed references to specific documents, studies, etc. During those submissions. If they have already, if you've already drawn our attention to them in your deadline, one written representation and for the parish Council, then there's no need to refer to them again. However, if you haven't drawn our attention to them specifically, it does assist us if you can put in a written submission or deadline to

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in which you set out and refer us to the documents that you drew our attention there.

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Thank you very much for your contribution much appreciated.

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Now that I'm going to ask Mr. Antony Easton to

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Speak and Mr. Easton, can you just switch on your microphone? And just yeah, I think is that on? That is on.

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Okay, excellent. Now before before I call on you to speak mysteries, and there's just one little matters, I want to check. And you've made a relevant representation, which we have registered under reference Art 295, that relates to the East Anglia to application. And I just wanted to check whether it was your intention to confine your remarks in this hearing to the one application, or whether you are intending to submit and speak in relation to both. Okay, I did submit to both and I did have a return email from you confirming that both had been received. So whilst I can't dig that out at this precise moment, I didn't know I wasn't aware until I saw that it just said EA to hear that it was about EA to But no, but it would be I'm just talking about the general state of affairs really trying to try and restrict it to EA one and two. But a part of my point is that it's impossible to do that. So I wouldn't want to restrict it just to two, as well. So well, I wanted to just clarify that and thank you the observation I was going to make was that, you know, we were not going to be formalistic about this. And having discussed this with the examining authority in total, we are clear that you know, if you are speaking in relation to both one and two, irrespective of the paper trail was led to you here, we will hear you on both one and two. And we will deal if it turns out that you are not an interested party on these Tango one north. And we will accord you what is referred to as the standing have an other person in relation to that matter. So we will hear you on both. But I just thought we should have the ground rules clear on that. And before we do, so you've got It's okay, make points and you will get

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a slide warning you that there is one minute remaining when you have one minute before the end of your piece. And when you begin to speak if you could introduce yourself by name, please for the record, and we're ready for you whenever you are. Thanks very much. Yeah, my name is Anthony Easton. I'm a semi permanent resident of thorpness. And I speak with I'm not a have no official capacity other than

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other than that, and as someone who knows, I don't know speak very well. And the area very well for walking, cycling and stuff. I've been coming there for about 2025 years, my wife's family have been coming for probably 50 years. So I'm just speaking for them really. And then other residents. So, you know, I think this is a very, very difficult thing and it's very difficult to do in five minutes and you know, it's taken up large parts of my time.

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Other things to do to even get to this point. So I'm going to go quite quickly, so and I apologise for touching on areas that have already been covered. But obviously, I haven't had a chance to listen to every argument, but I'm sure they're very similar. I'm sure you're bored with some of them. And I'll try and give a new insight, but I can't promise anything. So let's so just set out my position. I mean, I

believe in clean energy sport and net zero carbon target and wind power as a solution. I'm not in favour of nuclear power going forward as a solution to future energy needs. And I have to talk about nuclear power, because I think this whole decision making process it will be disingenuous not to include sighs what's in it, because there must be 70 shared things or unshared assets that involves I have to refer to it slightly. And I just think it would be not truthful to, to ignore it. You know, just to say generally, I think it's very difficult for people to get through the amount of information that we've been given most of the residents of my village thoughtless, are relatively elderly, and the amount of stuff that comes through from newspaper articles to promotional things for media after, it's so confusing that I appreciate that you guys have your work cut out, but also, I think you need to appreciate the work, I'm sure you do that all the locals have had to put in and how,

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how traumatic is ready for everybody to deal with, there's a very, very difficult thing, you know, underlying my concerns is sort of in this solution is a lack of trust between the solution arrived at by government and business, you know, all decisions are driven by a need cost and expediency. And so this government and unpopular government at the moment in life fulfilling net zero carbon commitment, which is a laudable thing, as identified nuclear wind, as a two systems of energy generation that can satisfy their needs. And in a way, this is a perfect storm, because I think these two independent things are bound earmark to deliver, you know, over 10% of Britain's energy needs through this tiny, tiny corridor of lanes and in an environmentally very delicate area. You know, it's a solution that satisfied cost parameters, obviously, and the need for this to happen makes it politically expedient. So I think we're really up against it as presidents

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and many mistakes are made in haste, and the government has too many needs to get all their decision. Right. So why should we believe that this is the right decision? You know, in businesses, especially foreign ones, they don't even have a stake in, in local life and, you know, the beyond their liabilities and profit. You know, I don't trust us hedge funds to come to the correct decision about how to instal a substation in a mediaeval village in England, I don't believe that their heart would be in it. So I, you know, I'm very suspicious of that to start with. And also, this corporate rivalry between say SPI and EDF is meant, what I don't really understand why these cables can't be delivered to, to size Well, anyway, or to any other brownfield site. You know, I really don't understand that. And it, I don't trust it as a I don't trust it as the right decision, because I just can't see why would be arrived at like that, you know, there has to be a better solution and to find a better balance between the needs of the individual and the state. You know, and the between the government and inevitable levels of environmental damage associated with all infrastructural development, this is a massive project. And you know, due to those levels locally, and enduring damage to life, and the environment, I think this is the wrong place and I think it's the wrong method of delivery. I'm going to leave suggestions to others, but I favour a linked futureproof offshore system that lands on the grid at an existing brownfield site thought net is not such a place you know, tourists coming included including these seasonal sand Martins nest in itself clips, they recognise there's 200 metre area is the perfect place because it's so soft and they you know, it's a unique spot that so soft that you know, they fall down this one was, you know, someone's killed there recently, the shape of them changes on the title basis, I see it, you know, when pillboxes are 30 metres from where they used to be on the on the top of the cliff, you know, just seems so unsuitable

place to drill underneath that it makes you question the motives of why people are choosing them, especially as I said, we size while the past look saying nothing at the traffic chaos, you know, the amount of extra you know, I had the gentlemen before talk about it, and the snow counsellor, you know, there's no alternatives to get around the neighbourhood, but on this web of roads, and I mean, they'd stop when there's a bicycle a caravan. I mean, they do not function as proper roads Anyway, now, pretty terrifying on a bicycle there. I do it quite a lot cycle. So, in conclusion, I'm gonna have to ask you to draw, draw. I'm gonna conclude sorry, as I said,

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I think irresponsible unfair to configure these projects cross this tiny area, through making them think again about landing ease and get one or two SPR iidea national grid and the government can be torchbearers of Environmental Leadership and responsibility. The question

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Are we letting the interest supersede local ones? It's not a question of supporting WebParts question making sure it's compatible with other needs and not all options, mitigating those needs beyond the realms of price and shareholder profit have been considered my opinion that it's clear they haven't. And in such this pose proposal must be rejected. Thank you very much, Mr. Easton. Now, if we move on, I have one additional speaker on the list. Mr. David, why bar for old bruh golf club? And can I just check? Do we have Mr. Lai bar with us and microphone switched on and ready to speak? Excellent. I can see you and is your microphone working with why bar should be excellent. That is I can't see myself I can see mystery some but not myself. I see myself in the corner, it'll be you will be a funny little icon down in the bottom right hand corner typically, but rest assured we can see you. Now the ground rules I hope are reasonably clear from others who have spoken you to have five minutes in which to make your points Mr. Williams case manager will flash a slide onto the screen that you should be able to see when you have one minute remaining and need to draw your remarks to a conclusion when you begin your contribution if you introduce yourself formally for the record, and we are ready to hear from you as soon as you're ready to speak. Thank you very much.

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Thank you, Mr. Smith. My name is David Weaver, and I'm the secretary of the orbit Golf Club. As it happens, I was brought up in the town myself and therefore had a connection with over my life.

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The Golf Club has its own position in relation to these proceedings. And it's correct that this should be distinct from the views of its 1000 or more members, each of whom is entitled to their own opinions.

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we occupy a special site on the way into obrah. With ground running from the river rolled across to the lace and road. In conservation environmental terms, it's a it's a maritime history landscape.

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And the environment is a critical part of all that we do at the club. To the extent that in 2019, we won the National Environmental golf course of the year award. So we would obviously have serious concerns of the environmental impact of the proposals.

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Our main concern however, is the danger involved in crossing the Saxmundham Road The a 1094 between a golf club has to wait

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a minute. Sorry, of course your time. Miss Eastern, your camera's still turned on at the moment. Could you possibly turn it off? Please?

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Thank you. Okay, sorry, Mr. Weber, about that you can continue speaking up. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Williams. This particular concern is the danger involved in the crossing of the main road, the Saxmundham road pa 1094. We have a nine hole river course and practice facilities on the southern side of the road.

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Main club

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18 hole golf course lost all right. During the summer months, we have between 100 and 150 crossings a day for people to play golf age range to the 92. And we are obviously concerned at the impact on safety of increased vehicle traffic, particularly heavy goods traffic.

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And then finally, there's the economic factor. Ignoring for the moment the 1000 members

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benefit that they bring to the bluebird, the surrounding area. We also attract in excess of 3000 visitors. A survey carried out by a sports marketing business for another region estimated that the secondary spend by visitors to golf clubs is probably 50 pounds per person.

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So that's additional 150,000 pounds brought into the local economy by visitors to the to the club. And we are concerned obviously therefore that if there's a reduction in both our membership and in visitor income, there'll be an economic impact on on all the surrounding areas there.

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Then my final final point would be to say that we are nationally renowned, an internationally renowned golf course we host events for England golf nationally. A lot of ancient golf lovers Santander's internationally, that in itself attracts people who wouldn't otherwise come to the area. And I am concerned that if the proposals Go ahead, that may may reduce the number of visits

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As members going forward, thank you very much.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Webber. Those were very clear submissions. And again, as is the case with all the submissions that we've had, they will be taken very carefully into account.

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Now, ladies and gentlemen,

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that I believe brings us to the end of the speakers who we had then listed and who confirmed attendance for today's hearing. So on behalf of the whole panel, both examining authorities, I would like to thank all the speakers for your contributions, and they will all be considered very carefully.

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I know going to move on to the next agenda item and I'm going to call on the applicant. And just ask if there are any summarising statements in response the applicants wish to make arising from any of the speaker contributions during today's hearing.

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Mr. Ennis, Yes, Colin earnest on behalf of the applicants, again, on behalf of applicants, I'd like to thank those that have presented this morning for taking the time to make their views known on both applications. Again, a very wide range of, of matters have been raised. And as you've already alluded to those matters which the applicants will respond to

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one recurrent matter that keeps coming back is the the issue of GRID Alternatives, offshoring mains, etc. And I know that we have sessions sheduled in for December, at the issue specific hearings to examine those, this isn't really it is obviously entirely a matter for the examining authority, how that matters dealt with. But given the range of matters that have been raised in relation to these matters, I did want to raise at this stage In response, the possibility of a need to understand the existing regulatory framework, what's been applied in the context of decision making in this case. And then thirdly, the the potential of what in terms of alternatives are being considered in consultations. And it seems that one of the things that that probably needs to be quite clearly settled or going to probably end up with quite a difficult phase of examination, if if we aren't perhaps quite clearly structured around when and where these matters should be dealt with. And I just raised it as a matter for the consideration of the agendas for the various issue specific hearings was obviously alternatives also comes up in a CPOE context. And so therefore, the there may be issues that are raised at that first CPO hearing, which is a more strategic issues, which might also

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developed. So I just flagged that as an issue, which I think would be quite helpful to have sort of fairly clear agendas on when these matters should be addressed to ensure that we have the right people available, and also that you get the best evidence, which is really the critical aspect of these examinations. So it wasn't to comment on anything that been said today. But just to raise that as an issue, which has been a fairly prevalent one throughout the openflow hearings to date, and clearly involves matters of some complexity, and also understanding what has actually taken place. And I recognise that it's a matter for us as the applicant, but also other parties have been involved in that process, too. So as I flagged that as an issue for the overflow hearings, which is really a matter arising from the issue specific hearings arising from the open floor hearings at but I don't have anything further to add, in response to the matters raised this morning. So thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Nice. I'm grateful for those submissions. And in response to the points that you raised there, I will flag that. And whilst we are by no means fully resolved yet on the precise crafting of our agendas for those issues, specific hearings, they are a work in progress and will remain such until we are considerably more deeply embedded in the goldmine that has been delivered to us deadline one. And nevertheless, we are alive and two factors the need for a specific cut line between the strategic compulsory acquisition, hearing one that we will be holding and issue specific hearing. Number two, were matters of siting and design and the need to engage to the extent that we can with with matters around alternatives at that point. And we, I can reassure all parties, not just yourselves, we'll aim to be as clear and specific as we can. And we recognise the need for some detail in agenda setting on both of those hearings. And we will aim to provide that detail in a way that makes the cut line between them evident on the issues, recognising the complexity, as easy to navigate as they can reasonably be. That is probably as far as I sensibly should go at this juncture.

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So thank you very much for that contribution. And, and again, I will flag for participants in this hearing, and who may not be listening on the livestream or are still in the room with us. If you believe that the applicant has said anything there that you wish to comment on what you think is wrong, or that you disagree with your opportunity to raise your concerns is in writing at deadline to

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So ladies and gentlemen, that brings me to the end of the element of today's hearing that I will be managing. And I'm going to hand over to Mrs. powers to bring this hearing to its conclusion, Mrs. Paris. Thank you, Mr. Smith, will now move on then to item four of our agenda. And the purpose of this item is to provide us with a checkpoint on any actions that have arisen during this hearing. My colleague Mr. Hockley has been keeping a note of any actions. So perhaps the best thing is just for me to ask Mr. hotkey, Could you briefly take us through the action points that have arisen this morning?

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Thank you, Mr. Powers. We just have two action points arising from this morning. The first one is that the applicants are asked to clarify whether local community concerns about road closures and diversions can be managed by a formal commitment to using horizontal directional drilling HDD or equivalent methods to cross roads, without road closures for trenching. And if such measures are not

proposed to be used. The applicants are asked to explain their approach and why it has been chosen. The deadline for that one is deadline two.

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And then there was also an action arising for Miss Gilmore in her submission, references made to the proceedings of a relevant summit and apparently relevant summit and to an engineering opinion on potential new offshore connection options. Again, if those haven't already been submitted deadline one, if they can be submitted for deadline to that'd be most useful, thank you. But also just because of time constraints

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with the evidence of deadline to if I could just run through actions one and two, from yesterday's hearing I prefer hearing for because it also applicable to participants from today and similar issues have been raised today as well. And those hit those actions from yesterday's meeting was that action to for open floor hearing to referred to several speakers, who spoke about the potential for additional energy projects to make connections at the Friston grid connection point if it is consented for these applications, and reference to as many as 10 potential project connections were made it yesterday's hearing.

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Speakers referring to possible additional connections at first and are requested to identify the names of the projects to which they refer. And the other action arising from yesterday, which is also relevant for participants from this hearing is actually one from open floor hearing one our speakers in that hearing for elaboration of oral submissions that the proposed developments would result in adverse impacts, which would outweigh the benefits of the applications with reference to provisions of Section 1047 of the Planning Act 2008. Any speakers in this hearing? wish to comment? Could they do the same please by deadline to Okay, thank you Mrs. Powers. I'll just sorry. Just to add, I should have added to the list of the actions arising for today's hearing. And yesterday's open floor hearing will be published on our website by the end of next week. So by Friday, the 13th of November. Thank you.

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Thanks very helpful. Thanks, Mr. Hartley. And therefore unless anyone's flagging an action that they've they noted that we haven't mentioned I'll move on to item five, I can't see any, any flashing cameras. So and that's just to briefly talk about our next steps. Because this has been open for hearing five and reference to the notice for the hearings, we'll identify that we have time reserved for open floor hearing five a late this afternoon and this evening, as a place to adjourn business from here had this hearing not proceeded or had it been disrupted. Having reached this point, we can be clear that open floor hearing five a will not be needed. And so I can confirm now that it will be cancelled and a cancellation notice we'll post it on our website shortly. Our next open floor hearings and these examinations will take place in January 2021. With the precise dates to be announced notification of the other speakers at those events who will have notified us by deadline one that they wish to speak will follow in due course. The examination timetables which are the same for both projects are published on our project webpages. And these set out here in the arrangements and the time reserved for all future hearings. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the speakers for your contributions. We do appreciate that many

of you would prefer us to be there to hear you in person, but we are trying our best to conduct examinations as safely as possible in the current circumstances. We will ensure that everyone who wants to be engaged will be engaged. I just add that we are extremely grateful for the effort and professionalism that's been shown by all of our speakers.

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Not just today, but in all of our open floor hearing sessions to date, we've had many really insightful and informative submissions underpinned by many hours of research, which we assure you will be taken very carefully into our considerations. When necessary, we'll pursue matters raised here in written questions or in other hearings. I'd also like to thank the case team led by Mr. Williams for supporting these hearings. So unless there's anything else that anyone wants to raise,

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not seeing any hands, then I will now ask my colleagues to come back onto the camera to say their goodbyes.

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Thank you, everybody. For all your contributions today. It's been very helpful. Thank you.

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Thank you very much for your contributions. As as my fellow panellists have said, it's been very helpful.

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And finally, for me rinse with the panel lead. Thank you very much, my colleagues at all. We are grateful for the contributions that everybody in this process have made. Thank you very much. And goodbye.

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Thank you, everybody. So the time is 1221 and I'll now close open floor, hearing five