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Subject: RE: FAO Rynd Smith
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Dear Sir/Madam

I enclose a submission relating to a Planning Application for Ear Anglia One & two Wind Farms in my role as Chairman of Trustees of Wardens Trust.

We are a charity offering services and facilities for adults and children with mental and physical disabilities, sited at Wardens Hall just north of the proposed landfall for the cable and within 50 yards of the proposed cable trench.

Please acknowledge receipt of this submission

Many thanks for your consideration

Yours sincerely

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28 October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write as Chairman of Trustees of Wardens Trust (charity number 1156636) based at Wardens Hall on the cliffs just north of where the East Anglia One & Two Wind Farm transmission cable is proposed to make landfall on the Ness at Thorpeness.

This proposal would have a devastating impact on the facilities and amenity value of the Trust's site. It would severely impact the footfall of visitors to the site and therefore the Trust's viability for the duration of the groundworks.

The facilities and services at Wardens Trust have become an integral part of our local community's response to social isolation and loneliness and a vital resource for groups of adults and children with mental and physical disabilities.

Each year over 1000 people come to our site which would be massively impacted by the very close proximity of an industrial Work Site and associated trenchworks.

Some of the activities that are undertaken at Wardens Trust and which we conclude would be severely impacted by the proposals contained in the Planning Application include;

1. Service and facilities addressing social isolation and loneliness.

Wardens Trust offers a range of services for elderly, disabled local residents. We run *Singing The Brain Music Days* for elders with dementia, and a weekly *Lunch Club*. These people come to our site because they enjoy the peace and quiet of the countryside, the sense of freedom in our grounds and the clifftop setting. People do not come to see industrial activities and groundworks.

The proposal would significantly impact the amenity value of the Trust and its grounds for the duration of the works and result in a major interruption to the services for this vulnerable group of local elders.

2. Camping and recreational activities for children with disabilities and disadvantage

A large number of groups of children come to our site for camping and arts-based activities. These include The BigKid Foundation, Paddington Schools Children's Trust, MIND, KidzGoWild, MovieCamp and groups of Duke of Edinburgh's Award hikers. Many of these groups come with a high ratio of teachers/staff to pupils and come because of the isolated nature of our site. The nature of many of these children's behavioural problems requires scrupulous attention to their safety and protection. The proximity of an industrial fenced area, groundworks and associated disruption would severely impact the risk assessments that each client group are required to make. The benefit of our site is that the children can have a degree of carefully monitored freedom to roam, something they are unable to obtain where they come from.

This proposal will severely damage the amenity value of our site for visiting children with mental and physical disabilities



3. Holiday accommodation for disabled wheelchair bound people and families

At Wardens Hall the charity has built a holiday flat specifically for adults and children with severe physical disabilities with wet-room, bath hoists, electronic beds and a wheelchair designed kitchen. This flat looks straight out over the proposed trenching works. Disabled people come to the flat because of the peace and quiet and the beautiful surrounding countryside. They do not come to look out over industrial fencing, trenchworks and all the noise and disturbance of major ground engineering.

The proposal would dramatically reduce the viability and attractiveness of this holiday location for disabled people.

4. Site access

One of the routes taken by our clients when walking through the surrounding beautiful countryside would be cut straight across by an industrial fence. This is the path leading due west from the premises which children on supervised nature hikes use regularly

The proposal would severely impact access to surrounding countryside by site users.

The Trust also has the following reasons for opposing this development;

5. **Multiple uncoordinated projects.** There will be multiple energy projects making landfall on this fragile east Suffolk coastline over the next few years in a totally uncoordinated manner resulting in a blight on the local environment, landscape and community cohesion. We are strongly protesting against that development.
6. **This coastline is continually eroding.** Cliff falls due to erosion have occurred to north and south of the proposed landfall. We do not accept that adequate consideration has been given to the possibility of further **increased erosions** as a consequence of this proposal.
7. **The impact on ground source water aquifers.** The proposed trench, which might with multiple cables be present for up to ten years, is likely to have a serious adverse impact on the fresh water well which supplies water to the 5 properties at including Wardens Trust. This is a fragile water supply, regularly monitored by East Suffolk Council under The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016 - SI No. 618 and The Private Water Supplies (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2018- SI No.707) and was last tested on 6th October 2020 (Council reference 20/07667/PWATER). No mention has been made of the potential impact of these trenchworks on this water supply, a measure of the cavalier and unfeeling attitude of the developer to local resident's basic needs.
8. **The impact on wildlife.** The impact on the local ecosystem over multiple years will be enormous. There is a thriving ecosystem of foxes, bats, badgers, barn owls, nightingales, red deer, oystercatchers, little ringed plover, skylarks and shelduck who nest in the fields surrounding Wardens Trust over which the trench is planned. These habitats and their fragile biodiversity will be totally destroyed by this development.
9. **The impact on Tourism.** This development would have a lasting major impact on the attraction of the local area for tourists and holiday makers, with no net increase in local employment.



10. **Lack of any strategic planning.** The development lacks strategic planning. There are alternative solutions to multiple off-shore windfarms requiring access a national grid. A Modular Offshore Grid (MOG) has been used elsewhere in Belgium (<https://www.elia.be/en/infrastructure-and-projects/infrastructure-projects/modular-offshore-grid>). The MOG offers a range of benefits compared to a direct connection (also called a spaghetti concept or radial connection) to an onshore grid. Within other countries the development of a MOG was predominantly due to its benefits to wider society and reducing impacts of failure of a cable.

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