PINS Ref: EA1N - EN010077 and EA2 – EN010078 My Ref: ID nos for EA1N: 20024947 and for EA2: 20024988

Dear Examining Authority

Re: East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two

I would like to respond as follows:

First, I take issue with <u>National Grid's response to the Examining</u> <u>Authority's Written Questions</u> in which they have stated they will not attend Issue Specific Hearings 1 & 2 and have not fully answered the Examining Authority's Written Questions by using evasive and deflective answers.

I then ask how the Examining Authority can hope to continue with a fair, open and thorough examination when a major player such as National Grid does not participate and therefore the full extent of the Examination with regard to additional connections to the grid at Friston is not known.

I am respectfully calling for the Examining Authorities to enlist the support of the Secretary of State to then insist / summon / subpoena / or by whatever means, to get National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) to:

- 1. attend the Issue Specific Hearings and
- 2. answer the Examining Authority's Written Questions in full, in particular questions 1.0.16 and 1.0.17 with reference to ALL six additional energy projects that have been put on the table

Confidence will be lost in the NSIP Examination process should PINS not bring National Grid to account on these and other outstanding questions.

Secondly, according to <u>BBC News online</u> Boris Johnson has pledged an extra £40m for green spaces in England. He has said:

"Britain's iconic landscapes are part of the fabric of our national identity - sustaining our communities, driving local economies and inspiring people across the ages".

"That's why, with the natural world under threat, it's more important than ever that we act now to enhance our natural environment and protect our precious wildlife and biodiversity."

How on earth does this marry with SPR's proposed cable trenches and onshore substations carving through the Suffolk Sandlings and ruining this local tourist economy, instead of 'driving it and inspiring people'? Surely it makes sense to protect **what we already have?!** -- the rare and fragile lowland heath of the Sandlings, "**our rain forest**" according to the attached British Energy information board, rather than adding it to the list of long-term "landscape recovery" projects that he has "promised to initiated between 2022 and 2024 to restore wilder landscapes". It is all so contradictory and, if these projects go ahead, one is lead

to believe the environmental statements are just lip-service and hot air.

Kind regards, Bridget Chadwick **British Energy**

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Linnet

Nesting in gorse the males can easily be seen singing from the tops of the bushes. Without continual management heaths quickly turn into bracken and scrub and the special wildlife associated with them disappears.

Grazing with sheep is the traditional method of management. Sheep control rank vegetation and scrub and help to create a varied sward of heather and acid grassland. The Common is grazed by sheep from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's

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