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Good afternoon, and welcome back everybody to the final session of today's open floor hearing number seven for the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO offshore wind farms. This, as I've said, is our second and final session today. Before we start to hear from our speakers in this session, I will just deal with some preliminary matters. Can I check with the case team that you can hear me and that the recording the live streams have again started?

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I can't see and hear you, Mr. Smith.

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Thank you very much. I can confirm that the live stream is up and running.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Johnson. And thank you very much, Mr. fedden. And on that basis, I will now just ask my fellow man panel members to briefly introduce themselves. I'll start with Mr. Hockley.

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Good afternoon, everybody. I'm john Hockley. I'll be observing and taking notes in this session, but I may ask questions as they arise.

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Good afternoon, everyone. Guy Rigby, also a member of the panels, and I will also be observing and taking notes. So you won't see me but I will be there taking notes.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Rigby. Now, and we advise you in the agenda that this session is being live streamed and recorded, the recordings that we make are retained and published, and therefore they form a public record that can contain your personal information and to which the general data protection regulation applies. Does anybody have any questions about the terms on which our digital recordings are made? And I will just scan the virtual room and see if I can see any digital hands being raised? And I'm seeing none.

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So on that basis, I will move on. And we'll take it that all of those arrangements are fully understood. The applicants as has become the normal way are present here today. And Mr. Ennis, I trust you will be speaking for them.

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Do we have Mr. Yes. Good afternoon, Mr. Smith. Yes, it will be myself colonists, who will be appearing on behalf of the outcomes of the rest of the hearing. Thank you. Excellent. Thank you very much, Mr. Ennis. And again, just to place on record that the main purpose of attendance of this hearing by the applicants is to hear from interested parties, so the applicants are here to listen in the main. Before I close this session, I will give Mr. Ennis, a brief opportunity to make responding remarks on matters that he considers must be drawn to our attention. And I will ask him to confine these remarks to five minutes on the basis that detailed responses can be provided in writing a deadline five,

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for any other speakers here, whether they are in this session directly or listening on the live stream. If you disagree with anything that the applicant says in its responding session, then you will need to respond to that in writing, again, by deadline five, please on the third of February 2021.

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So onwards into the main business of this late afternoon session. We've already heard from a good number of the speakers this afternoon, who was scheduled to speak on the circulated agendas. And I will flag that we have heard also from Mrs. storage and Mrs. And Mr. Winter, who had originally been scheduled to speak. And in this late afternoon session. We've also been advised that Mr. Tyndall, who was listed on the agenda papers no longer wishes to speak. And so on that basis, and I hope this does not come as too much of a shock and must avoid check is the first person who I would invite to speak this afternoon. And the speakers will then proceed in the order listed on the agenda paper as published. And we will move on after this white check has spoken. However, I will flag that we do have a Mr. Tim Ron Robinson, who was named was not I believe published originally on the agenda paper as a new speaker and the examining authorities have accepted his request to speak so he will speak at the end. So on that basis, can I just check that I do have TESSA vortrag here present and ready to commence speaking

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must void check and you will have five minutes to speak. And please once you start to speak and introduce yourself in the normal way as I'm sure you've now seen many other speakers before you do. And you will be given a one minute warning by the case team to enable you to begin to wind up small check when you're ready. Thank you

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just avoid check. for 14 years I've lived at the landfill site within what I've come

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To nose work number nine. Since 2018, there's been a kind of hologram overlaid on this beautiful place of what it may become. We're now over halfway through this examination time is at a premium, these projects are being pushed through in haste. But to me, the process is stalling. And so is each five invited to a scrutiny of local job figures. The applicants delivered lengthy base level presentations on the energy coast brand and the East Anglia hub delivering offshore wind with an emphasis on the

industrial scale that brings down cost. Hippodrome, the website states that quote, we're going to build a hub EA one n, e two, and E three, which is off the North Norfolk coast near Metropolitan London, unquote. So from the perspective of a borderless global aspirations, our coastal region is a single piece of real estate, ripe for development on an industrial scale, whose only economic hope is to be a kind of wind farm monoculture upon which we rely to unlock our potential.

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The applicant has objected to the prejudicial use of the term hum referring to noise in the substation I object to hub on the same principle and brand come to bat. The proposals before us EA one n n EA to a key to the drones bigger picture if they are to deliver but panel not at any cost, not here are successful local economy is based on the region's uniqueness, part of which is that it is not industrialised. Both these economies can be accommodated if the onshore infrastructure moves elsewhere. There's another bigger picture. National Grid ventures refusal to engage with this examination despite their offer of connections being the driver of all of this and their interest in the interconnect to substation, why this can't be left unaddressed. It also has implications for the cumulative impact assessment. What do we deem to be in the public domain.

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On the planning Inspectorate website, there are pages for Nautilus interconnector by National Grid ventures. In a meeting note between the planning Inspectorate and ngvs 21st of October 2020. We read of ngvs agreement to connect to as yet on consented and unbuilt substation in proximity to the size well 400 kV network. A new and jet substation in this area is currently being promoted through sprs East Anglia, one North and East Anglia to gcos. So I'm sure this is known to the panel, but they've asked that we identify what's in the public domain. In the same documents NGV states that there may be a need for S 53 authorization to enter into land for environmental survey. I think that s 53. pertains to licences of rights here. The London has already been approached more than once by a company representing NGV. To do surveys on part of wardens land abutting the revised SPR cablecard or route as one of the potential land for location locations for Nautilus interconnector why surveys potentially subject to S 53 authorization being sought now for project that doesn't enter the DCA process for two years is to I think puts Nautilus in the public domain. SPR is undertaking eminent archaeological works here at the cable corridor site. I mentioned it now as access for machinery and vehicles will affect other uses of sizewell Hill Road, there may be implications for the aquifer, I understand trees and vegetations may be removed. So the impact on local ecology will be starting very soon. well in advance of consent date. I've asked if these works are in compliance with requirements 18 of the draft decio. Last things we haven't heard the compelling case for this choice of landfall and substation location properly addressed. Why is it the only option rather than the least worst locally at the cheapest? What week is the panel good EDS concerns about potential impact on the Coraline crap and safety implications as well. After the revelation that I sh to work at landfall may not be add, the applicants position has been revised, they will make it work. There's significant uncertainties expressed them that had such significant implications for the cliffs have vanished, as has the acknowledgement of the small risk that was mentioned. Whereas the desktop study, the decio commitment is modded. These matters can't be left or post consent. I hope this will be addressed at the SSH tomorrow. I'm very concerned. HtD now presents a proxy for other trenchless techniques which may be noisier and cause more vibration and ask for more clarity on that point. And please also address noise. So finally, to quit

grim Cooper of NGV The beautiful thing about the Norfolk and Suffolk coast is that you are blessed with this beautiful wood crystals. No it isn't. That isn't the beautiful thing at all. Thank you

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Thank you very much, Miss Wojciech. Now there are a couple of things that I'm going to remind you and indeed everybody else who has spoken in the sessions have, firstly that

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we set out a general action in the action list for open flow here in six, it's action number one, you can see it is already published. And asking folks who did make public reference to other energy projects that might connect to it first, and to provide us with essentially their list as they understand it. The idea is that we sweep all of those together, and we make sure that we have

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as clear an understanding of all of the different projects that various people have referred to as we can gain. So I would ask you to do that, please by deadline five. And we will include that action again on the action list for this particular hearing in due course, which we aim to publish as soon as we possibly can. And you did also briefly also refer to water supply at

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the wardens trust, stroke, nice house area. And again, if you look at the action list for open floor hearings, six, you'll see action number seven relates to that, and that the applicant has been asked by deadlines six, to provide a document that sets out greater detail in terms of the mitigation and indeed possible contingency measures against possible loss or pollution of water supply that would be proposed to apply in that location and identifying how such measures are formally secured.

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What we have then had earlier in this hearing is another submission from a speaker it was Mr. Reeve I recall who spoke about that issue and we gave him the opportunity to put in any additional material about the aquifer and the water supply at deadline five. So again, I will give you the same opportunity. Okay. Let us then move on. Thank you very much indeed, those submissions.

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The next two submissions that I have on my list are both from Henry young who is wearing two hats. And the first is the Suffolk coast dmo hat and as an organisation representative organisation as opposed to an individual that item has 10 minutes but then he also follows and wearing his Britton peers art hat which again is an organisation also has 10 minutes. So if I can introduce Henry young first in his capacity as a representative of the Suffolk coast dmo for 10 minutes, thank you. Good afternoon, and I hope you can hear me I'm I'm having power issues at home. So I hope you can hear me and see me all right.

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Present.

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And I won't need 10 minutes for myself at coast dmo section and I spoke at last week's issue specific hearing on socio economics and tourism. And I don't want to repeat myself. We'll be writing in before deadline five. And so I thought I would just take a minute to offer a very quick summary of dma's view.

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The dmo found funding for an independent study by leading consultants BVA bdr. The cost of this study was equivalent to 25% of our entire annual budget. with an open mind, the study was commissioned to help assess the impacts that the scottishpower renewables project could have on the visitor economy. The applicant has made no equivalent effort

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informed by that independent study dmos view is that the developments are likely to harm the tourism economy by altering the way the area is perceived. And if the visitor experience is adversely affected by traffic.

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The dmo dmo also

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views that the cumulative impact of the SPR projects sighs we'll see and all the other infrastructure projects lining up on the horizon has not been given satisfactory consideration. dmo would dearly love to focus on our core marketing purpose, but cannot just sit back and allow a situation where this key part of the local economy is harmed.

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That was all I wanted to say with DMA.

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So if I may, and so I'd like to switch over to my piece from Britain

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where I am the Chief Operating Officer. Britain appears arts was formed when two charities merged in April 2020 Britain piers foundation and Snape Maltings.

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It's the National Centre of music

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collections based at Snape Maltings at the red house in orebro.

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Britain peers art supports the creation of offshore wind farms, but opposes these onshore plans.

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My employer has two origins stories.

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Britain appears arts, part of the Arts Council's national portfolio is a charity that works with the world's greatest musicians, young and emerging musical talent care home residents and 1000s of schoolchildren every year.

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The charity which is a driver of the local visitor economy, but it's also dependent on it can trace its roots to when Benjamin Britten founded the obrah Festival in 1948.

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That's one of us origin stories.

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State Maltings The site is owned by Britain peers arts and is 2.5 miles away from the Friston site.

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internationally famous for its concert hall.

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many decades before the site's buildings were regenerated into visit facilities and shops. Snape Maltings was created by Newson Garrett, the local industrialist entrepreneur who bought a small port and the river old 43. Over the next 50 years, he and his family developed a range of buildings that produced mould from Bali. When thinking through the issues created by the two proposed SPR projects, we noted an irony, Britain piers Arthur's objecting to a proposed development of large industrial buildings close to the Airbnb, albeit on a much much greater scale than at Snape Maltings. But here is the fundamental difference. In the Victorian era, Snape Maltings was East Anglia his biggest industrial employer, and those employees lived in and around Snape.

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Today 500,000 people visit Snape Maltings every year, the site employs over 200 people and over 100 volunteers. As more than half of the visitors who come to the opera festival travel from outside Suffolk. The boon to the local economy is significant. It's why there are three viable pubs in the village. And this is because the range of buildings collectively much much smaller than the proposed SPR sites of Reston where there won't be any jobs.

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BPA supports the creation of offshore wind farms, but opposes the plans to connect to the National Grid at Friston because of the impact that the construction phase is likely to have on the fragile local road network, which could have a detrimental impact on the visitor experience of those coming to and from Snape Maltings and obrah.

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In 2017, when considering our own tiny by comparison development scheme, we considered the impact that we could have on the 810-943-1069 Junction SPR has not taken the trouble to understand the local pressure points

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because the project is likely to set so one of our our second main point, concern is because the project is like to set a dangerous precedent and lead to multiple other developments in this rural location. In our view, this cumulative impact has not been assessed.

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And thirdly, because the local disk benefits, noise reputational damage reduction tourism are not offset by the only possible local benefit the creation of jobs.

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To sum up Britain peers arts offer is the equal of major institutions found in international cities.

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It shouldn't really add up as the area is so sparsely populated half of our catchment area is the North Sea.

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Our unique draw is the peaceful and serene setting which pulls in audiences from far and wide. And because we are so rural, we have no public transport system. We need the road network and tourism economy to be fully functioning for our organisation to be viable. And that is the reason why we have such major fears about these proposals.

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Thank you.

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Thank you very much. Those are clear submissions and I obviously can relate to other material that you have have made available to us. So we will be giving all of that material the most careful consideration. Thank you very much, Mr. Young.

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On that basis, then can I move forward to Natasha green, please and remind Mrs. Green that she will be speaking for five minutes and there'll be a reminder provided by the Cosima one minute.

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Natasha green.

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Everyone, can you hear me and see me all right. We certainly can commence when you're ready.

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And good afternoon. I'd like to spend my five minutes on just a few points if I may. My home

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has three stories. If the consent is given, then for me

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every floor you're on for years to come, there'll be noise and disruption with diggers and excavators rumbling around within metres of the house. This is because the SPR site comes right up to the garden fence. Once the works are completed whenever that might be given the additional projects planned for the site, the present beautiful view from house will be dominated by huge buildings put up by SBR and by national grid.

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The National Grid ceiling and cable ceiling ends will be constructed about 200 metres from my bedroom window and will rise 16 metres in height, I will lose the view to rest in church in about 15 to 20 years if we are very lucky and exceptionally lucky soil allows any trees to grow at all, there might just possibly be a few young underdeveloped trees sitting between the house and the substation.

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In this context, I want to make four short points. Firstly, as you know, spr says that that project should not be part of the base integrated plan for an offshore transmission network. And nor should they be used as a Pathfinder for new environments in joined up strategy, a strategy. They say this is because that application is underway. Can I please remind you of some facts, Bayes announced the offshore transmission review on the 15th of July 2020. The examination of the SPR application however, I've started more than three months later, on the sixth of October. The sum total of the work of SBR to that point in time was therefore the cost of putting together a paper application and some internal administrative costs incurred in preparing for the start of the DCR process. The idea that these costs which are frankly trivial in the overall scheme of things should be a valid reason for not being party to an environmentally friendly, energy efficient. joined up national strategy is frankly plain silly. Secondly, everyone who listened to the SPR presentation on the long term, durable benefits of the East of England will have been left scratching their heads. When one sets aside the accompanying rhetoric, spr says it will spend about 1.6 billion in durable long term benefits. But no where can one find what this means in real terms, but let's assume that it is true. This sum barely amounts to a drop in the ocean. Each project will cost over 2 billion. And my research indicates that virtually all of the parts will be sourced internationally, or at least from locations in the UK far distant from Suffolk or even Norfolk.

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Unemployment is now over 5%. And the number of full time engineering jobs created by this project is negligible. And nowhere has SPL counts up the huge dis benefits to this locality. Therefore, the some suggested by SPR of 1.6 million is an absolutely tiny percentage of the total cost for these two projects. I would invite the panel to take the SPR figures at face value and treat the claim to generosity in the

only way that it deserves to be treated. It is only SPR state shareholders who are not local or even nationals. They're based in Spain who will in truth benefit.

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Thirdly, I wish to make a point about the base analysis of the overall benefits of starting the joined up strategy as early as 2025 are not repeat the points made by others. And the base webinar presentation makes a powerful point that SBR should be forced into cooperating with the government strategy on integration. I would only add this. The evidence suggests that even if this project is consented no actual investment decision will be made until such time as the government operates its contracts with different options. Commercially, there is no reason why SBR should be permitted to jump the gun logic and common sense suggests that the four SPR projects in this region should all be wrapped up and landed together and connected together in Branford as was originally intended.

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Finally, Mr. Watkins in his presentation said as if it were helpful to SBR that no one has opposed offshore wind, please let me be clear, he was taking our submissions out of context, we do not oppose offshore wind, we did not oppose the consenting of the offshore elements of this application. However, we do oppose consenting of the onshore elements. Our support for offshore energy is not an endorsement of onshore vandalism. My generation should not have to live with the heart lifetime harmful effects of

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This application when it could be done right from the outset, thank you very much.

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Thank you very much for those clear submissions. Now then,

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the next person that I have on my list is Sarah whitelock, who is a representative of the old bro Business Association and therefore has 10 minutes is Sara whitelock. present? I am excellent, right? Well, you will have 10 minutes, you'll be given a reminder at five minutes and then a second reminder at one minute before the expiration of your time. And hopefully you've seen enough people go through this process now so that you may begin to speak and introduce yourself when you're ready. So

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when you wish, please commence. Okay. Thank you for having me today. Your Business Association represents 80, SMEs and obrah, Snape thorpeness and leisten. I'll send this document with references after today. Our members are not corporate giants. They are successful network of small family businesses who support renewable energy, but are threatened by the long term disruptive nature of the planned onshore energy projects.

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The ABA has only recently become aware that EA one n and EA two are just the first of a series of projects destined for this area with an unclear timescale.

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I want to address why tourism is vital for that many local businesses. Why visitors come here? What about sprs plans will determine that deter them and the economic costs.

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The Suffolk tourism strategy stated that visitors are attracted by the character culture, food, clean beaches and spectacular coastline, the outstanding countryside and wildlife. The energy coast report found that 72% of visitors came here to experience its nature

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and much independent support for this can be found for example, from the telegraph. I quote, Suffolk is the smallest and gentlest of the East Anglian counties. its biggest draw is perhaps its coast, which is home to two of Britain's most alluring seaside resorts over and South world with minsmere reserve and the ancient settlement have done it at the centre of some glorious stretches of Marsh Heath and woodland.

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This coastline has featured in and inspired the work of many artists such as Maggie Hamblin, composers, including Benjamin Britten and writers such as Mr. James and w. g. Sebald

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SPL claimed in their report on tourism that the majority of tourism and recreation receptors are located beyond this buffer, ie construction zone.

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But the cabling work across the AONB to Friston will have an impact throughout the area. Firstly, because of traffic, there has been talk in Suffolk of improving the East Coast road network for decades. In 2018, East Anglian Daily Times reported that the a 12 had been named the most dangerous a road in our region.

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Suffolk County Council's public consultation document regarding the improvement of the ATR between weaker market and Saxmundham in 2017 said this section of the ei 12 suffers from problems with congestion, reliability, resilience, accidents, air quality problems and community severance. There are plans to improve this stretch of road but will the relief road be in place before SPR starts its construction projects.

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To add to the uncertainty sprs most recent traffic management plan states a final detail construction management plan will be perfect produced post consent.

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The a toe junction with the a 109 for at Friday street merits an entry in Wikipedia.

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The junction is considered an accident risk. SPR anticipates between two to 400 HGV movements a day. They state they will deal with this burden by widening of the highway and vegetation clearance. Anyone who sat at that junction for 20 minutes on a Friday and then attempted to cross the other carriageway in the face of constant traffic will no this will not be sufficient.

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The statistical analysis by John Trap at the recent special interest hearing reference to traffic count on the A109 for recording 1200 vehicles per hour.

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Mr. Trap noted that that construction workers journeys and the smaller vans used by suppliers have not been included in the SPR traffic management plan. Nor the slower rate of travel for cars behind HGVs

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given that many tourists visit for the weekend or the day spending limited free time

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queues would deter them.

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This count took place in autumn during a pandemic. What about a festival weekend? Snake Prom sells 22,000 tickets.

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Over a music festival sells 20,000 tickets and O'brah Food Festival sells 10,000 tickets.

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Over Carnival attracts 15,000 people over the same weekend as focused with 9000 at Lemon Hall.

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Cultural events extend the tourist season with your Literary Festival in March and the O'brah documentary festival in November. Have SPR taking this into account and consider the 40,000 ticket holders and support equipment and staff that use the A12 to the last Food Festival in July.

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The second deterrant visitors will be disturbance of the natural environment. Given the importance of walking, it is alarming, the SP RS report anticipates 38 public rights of way that may be affected as they are within or adjacent to the onshore development area. Additionally, the Suffolk coastal path runs adjacent to the development area. However, the use of horizontal directional drilling at the landfall will result in it not being impacted. I quote,

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the ABA asks how HDD adjacent that's horizontal directional drilling adjacent to a coastal path repeatedly will not impact it.

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The same report states public rights of way beaches and common land have a low sensitivity to change. Because this can be managed through appropriate construction management. This makes little sense. Construction is noisy and dirty, involving heavy machinery, dust, construction staff and their transport.

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Construction Management will not prevent damage to the experience of the visitor who's there to enjoy nature.

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sprsr report also states significant localised and temporary effects on the character of the AONB and the visual effects are also assessed as being significant on views experienced by walkers, over short sections of the Suffolk coastal path, the sanderlings walk and the Suffolk coastal cycle route. Can these effects be temporary if multiple projects are planned, these are key routes for cyclists and walkers going from obrah and thorpeness to the Coast Guard cottages minsmere daanish Walberswick and South world,

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such as the importance of the coastal path and sanderlings walk that they feature in the Suffolk walking festival, attracting 1000 walkers, many of them enjoying the 50 mile coastal path from Felixstowe to Lowestoft.

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Abi Ada members anxieties are mirrored by the comments by the expert topic group.

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An overall impression of industrialization stakeholders are concerned that this would lead to a reduction in the number of tourists. We ask the examiners to accept these concerns and recognise the impact that SPS plans will have on visitor numbers.

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If visitors are deterred, the local economy will be affected. Data from the Suffolk observatory shows that the proportion of small businesses, leisure sector employment accommodation and food service enterprises, and the longevity of companies is disproportionately higher in Suffolk than that of the rest of England. ie Suffolk GDP is dependent on small businesses servicing the strong tourism industry. And should demand for these services for the economic impact will be dramatically worse than that of the average English Dix district. Here are two snapshots in England 5.6% of the workforce work in accommodation and food services. in Suffolk it's 7%. And the percentage of people working in skilled trades often servicing the holiday rental sector is 9.6% in England and 12.3% in Suffolk. These are our members who do not have a big voice. When visitor numbers fall and businesses fail. They will have

few other employment options because sprs job promises are in low Scott, not one single job is created here.

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It's not just employment in the obvious areas that will be impacted. There are 25 annual festivals in East Suffolk accounting for approximately 200,000 tickets. Analysis by the Association of Independent festival shows that for every 10 pounds spent on a ticket for a live music event. 17 pounds goes back into the local economy driving business for local suppliers.

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There are over 175 hotel rooms in the immediate area. Estimating 100 pounds per night and 30 week occupancy rate that translates to almost 4 million pounds. There are four major local holiday cottage rental companies

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That specialise in high spec accommodation. Between them they have over 1.1 and a half 1000 cottages to rent 30 weeks at an average of 1000 pounds a week equates to over 15 million pounds, much which circulates in the local trade economy, but excludes eating out shopping visitor attractions and artwork.

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We ask the examiners to reject sprs plans when there are other more suitable options. Please do not allow SPR and national grid to throw this special stretch of coast and its people under the proverbial bus.

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Thank you.

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Thank you very much for those submissions. Now, you've obviously made a number of references to background and source material. So if you are able to put in your your full references and reports a deadline five that would be much appreciated. There was also a video that accompanies my talk. So yes, that that will have a number on it. Excellent. Thank you very much.

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Okay, then those done for now, that does bring us to the end of the published literature list of speakers but as I did, indicated at the beginning of this afternoon's later session, I do also have

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Mr. Tim Ron Robinson, who we have agreed can speak so don't do we have Tim Ryan Robinson present. You do? Your Thank you very much. In which case as an individual speaker, you will have five minutes you'll be given a reminder at one minute that your time is about to end. So Mr. Ron Robinson, you've seen the drill. You know how it all works. The floor is yours. Please introduce yourself and start when you're ready. Well, thank you for letting me come in at the last minute and I'm sorry to keep you

for an extra five minutes. My name is Tim Rowan Robinson. I live in oraham and I'm a deputy lieutenant of Suffolk

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as president elect Cobra Golf Club, I was amazed and concerned to hear that the use of the a 10 for 1094. With a traffic light at Friday street is still considered an option for construction traffic.

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Road is clearly totally unsuitable to three to 400 HGV movements a day,

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or a golf club has courses on both sides of the road. And crossing know requires great care particularly with the number of children involved in making that crossing.

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The road at all points is an area with high banks in places nowhere to escape.

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Cycling is becoming increasingly popular and an important part of tourism activity. That road is very busy with cyclists and is the only way for those people to get from snipper to Snape and Orford. They'd be mad to go on this road with that number of hgvs.

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ingestion on the a 12 and a 1094 be a major disincentive to visit. It's hard to believe that SPR have conducted a proper survey of the 1894. This would have to consider the seasonal effect on traffic. It's probably four times as much traffic in the summer holidays as at other times.

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I'm sure enough has already been said about the unsuitability of this road. I would absolutely support what Sarah Whitlock john trap and Marianne fellows have had to say on that subject.

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Side safety concerns the golf club also anticipates that, as with the loss of choice identified in the DMA report, there'll be an impact on their visitor numbers. We calculate the reduction of 17% in visitors to the club cost around 65,000 pounds a year to the local economy.

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Drive time to and from a golf course is high up the list of reasons to visit or not to visit. I mean 50% of members living outside Suffolk, the club would be a considerable financial risk from a drop in its membership. autograph club is currently ranked 74th in the best courses in the UK. It tells prestigious national and international events and alongside the feeling and the music and the landscape of the area helps to provide that mixture of the highest quality of activity that make the area so attractive for tourists and for people for retouching.

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I was Harry Young's predecessor at the dmo and heartily endorse all that he has said about the risk to tourism and the local economy. It is true that the dmo survey reflected the effect of the combination of Western and sizeable developments that the stimulator used did not even include the possible effect on the a 1094 and the traffic lights on the a 12. It's interesting that EDF did conduct their own impact study and they showed similar results to that of the dmo.

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Calculation of a possible reduction

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of 17% in visitors numbers, and the dmo survey applies to the whole of the Suffolk coast and he says area. This will of course be much higher for an area within a five mile radius of thorpeness and consequently have disastrous effects on all the businesses of that area.

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I thought it suggested that construction workers would replace the tourism spend. This is nonsense. Workers come in by day and not likely to spend their money in that area. And for those staying overnight, there is a huge difference in the amount spent per room sold by a couple on holiday compared to a single occupant who goes out to work. I am an ex hotelier and I do understand those figures.

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scottishpower his reaction to the very thorough and professional survey conducted by the DMA is thankfully, thoroughly sloppy and shows disrespect to this whole process. They're not carried out their own impact study. And his peer storage pointed out the sites they have referenced in comparison to Friston in suggesting there'll be no detrimental effects, but not comparable at all. The disruption caused during the construction period is one thing, the lasting effect of not just these two substations, but all the other energy related developments in the pipeline professed and sizeable, which may last 10 to 15 years or more, will change the nature of the area forever. Image created by the term the energy coast, demonstrated by the extensive development which make it extremely difficult the area to regain its reputation. It's one of the best leisure tourism destinations in the area.

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I am a supporter of wind energy, I do not believe that SPI have fully considered alternative, albeit probably more expensive sites for their onshore infrastructure, nor have they fully considered technologies connecting to the grid are already in operation elsewhere in Europe. However, my main objection is proposal is one of timing. How can this proposal be considered as to its effects on the local situation, other than in the context of all that is being about or about to be proposed? Surely a master plan for energy must precede an individual proposal? How can SPR make a traffic plan though, considering the eight possible further developments, Friston or that it's sizable? No business concerned with minimising costs, which seems to be the primary objective SPR could operate in that way. I really cannot emphasise enough The extent to the feeding of people living and working in older and

surrounding villages. And then concerned about these proposals. I think sprs communication and the local the local community, even in comparison with EDF has been extremely poor and dismissive.

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or not afraid I'm going to ask you to draw to a conclusion. And your time is up. That was the end. Thank you very much. And if there are other matters, that you would have wished to refer to them, please do put them in in writing by deadline five. Now can I just check so that were absolutely 100% clear in terms of your contribution? And is that a contribution on your own behalf? Or in respect of the goal? I just want to be clear. I'm in respect of the golf club.

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Okay, right. And you you obviously did make a relevant representation.

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But the the that, as I recall, it didn't link you directly to the golf club. And we will will will ponder on that one. Mr. Robinson, I mean, we have just to make sure that we understand who people are speaking for, and that we are also very clear and fair in relation to the way that we handle everybody.

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And I am conscious that the golf club has previously spoken. So let's let us reflect on that. And if we need to be in contact with you, again, to clarify anything, we will get back to you. Okay, on that basis, then, ladies and gentlemen, that brings us to the end of the list of additional speakers under agenda items to in this afternoon's hearings. So I will thank all of today's speakers on behalf of the zoning authorities for their contributions. And I'll move that on to agenda item three. And I will call on the applicant Mr. s to respond to any matters that he wishes to do so and in a time period of five minutes please Mr. Ennis, or indeed follow up in writing, if that is what what you prefer.

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Thank you, Mr. Mrs. Smith chorus on behalf of the applicant,

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just to say to thank all those parties who have participated this afternoon and made excellent presentations of their of their views on the applications. It's an important part of the examination process. And we also respect the time that people have taken to

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pay those representations. In terms of response, we will consider carefully the matters that have been raised this afternoon. And if there are matters which we need to respond to, we respond to it at the appropriate deadline in writing. But at this stage, I don't propose to respond to any of the specific matters raised. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Ellis. Now on that basis, then Ladies and gentlemen, there, I don't believe will be anything that you've heard specifically, they're raised by the

applicant with which you wish to disagree. And there is at least theoretically an opportunity to respond to us in writing by deadline five, have you and disagreed with anything that the applicant has said, but I would indicate that we will not particularly expect to be receiving written submissions on that item at deadline five, because the applicant has reserved their position to writing.

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Moving on then to agenda item for

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review of issues and actions arising. And my colleagues Mr. Hockley and Mr. Rigby have been keeping careful notes of the actions arising from today's hearing. There are currently five of them. And these will be published as soon after the closure of this hearing as we can early next week.

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Which then takes me on to the following Agenda item six next steps, and agenda item five rather next steps. And this, of course, has been open floor hearing. Number seven, and reference to the notice for hearings, we'll identify that we did have time reserved for an open floor hearing seven, eight on Monday, the first and or Tuesday the second of February 2021, as a place where we could adjourn business from these hearings, have they failed or been disrupted. But having reached this point, I can now confirm that it will be clear that reserve time will not be needed, and so it will be cancelled. There'll be a cancellation notice that will be posted on the websites for both examinations shortly.

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This is our last scheduled set of open floor hearings in these examinations, we've provided opportunities to be heard to all people who have made relevant representations to either or both applications, and to a small number of people who we have also agreed to hear as other persons.

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Our view is that we have now provided a reasonable opportunity to be heard in respect of all requests to be heard that have been made within the open floor hearings programme. And I do note that there have been a few scheduled speakers who have not attended either some of the earlier open floor hearings, or indeed today's hearing. And today, we didn't hear from Mr. Phillip Hall who was due to speak in session one, I will offer him the opportunity to make any further contributions that he wishes to make in writing now, please, by deadline six. And I will extend the same opportunity to other interested parties who originally requested to be heard any of the open floor hearings from open floor hearing one through to six and who didn't appear

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and didn't attend despite an opportunity to do so. But essentially, the message that we are delivering here is that now, if people did request to be heard at an open floor hearing, and didn't provide an oral submission

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in the place that was provided to them by the examining authorities, I'm afraid their opportunity has now expired. And they can only now respond to us in writing.

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The examination timetables which are the same for both projects are published and updated on our project web pages. And these set out hearing arrangements and time reserved for future hearings. And you'll note that all of those are either now issue specific hearings or compulsory acquisition hearings.

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So in terms then of thanking all of the speakers who are spoken here today, and I think we do need to make a specific point of thanking everybody, and all of those who've spoken in our full programme of open floor hearings more broadly from the outset of these examinations. And we do appreciate that probably most of the speakers who've spoken would have preferred to appear before us in person. But as we all know, the coronavirus pandemic has intervened, it has proven to be challenging, more challenging than I think any of us would have expected even at the outset. And we aim to conduct these hearings as safely as we possibly can in these particularly difficult circumstances and have held them all as virtual events. But we hope that everybody who wish to speak and wish to be engaged in this process has felt able to be as fully involved as they possibly could be.

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We're very grateful for all of the hard work done the heartfelt but polite contributions made by all of our speakers. Again, not just today, but in all of the open floor hearings. We've had many insightful and informative submissions and everything that has been put before us. Well, as my colleagues have reassured you, on numerous occasions, be carefully considered, and where necessary, again, we can pursue further matters that have been raised here in written questions, or in the remaining issue specific or compulsory acquisition hearings.

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I should record my thanks to the case team led generally by Mr. Williams for most of these events, but today by Mr. Lim Fadden. And I will specifically also mentioned Caroline Hopewell and Kj Johnson, who are both supported the great majority of these hearings very ably throughout and we could not have achieved what we have achieved in terms of delivering these hearings without their support.

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So unless there is anything else that anybody wants to raise, I will just check the room. Now, finally, for any raised digital hands, any flashes of yellow on my screen. And again, I'm seeing none. I will then call on my colleagues, Mr. Hockley and Mr. Rigby to say their goodbyes.

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Thank you, Mr. Smith. And just to reiterate, thank you to everybody today for your contributions. They've been very valuable. Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Hockley. And goodbye to everyone. And yes to say thank you all for your submissions. They've been very helpful to us. Thank you very much, Mr. Hockley. Mr. Rigby, and I will now draw these hearings to a close the time is 451 open floor hearings number seven is now closed. Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.