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## Dear Panel,

Over the past few weeks I have listened with great interest to the presentations to the panel regarding the construction of a substation at the village of Friston, Suffolk. I have been very impressed by the meticulous care taken by the contributors speaking against the proposals, given the extremely difficult circumstances under which this enquiry is being conducted. The broadband services in this area are abysmal and have made fluent presentations challenging.

On the other hand, I have been shocked and amazed by the dreadful and careless offerings from the representatives of Scottish Renewables, some of whom seemed to be barely able to string a sentence together and unable to address extremely important issues with the respect they deserved. At the earliest hearings, it was my impression that Scottish Renewables were intent on waffling on endlessly to rob contributors of their allotted time slots and run the sessions out of time without being challenged. As for National Grid, where have they been? Their absence from any part of the enquiry so far is arrogant and unforgiveable. They must be accountable.

- 1. The threat of this development is having a significant effect on the quality of people's lives, mental and physical health, outlook and future prospects. I know because I am one of those people dreading the day if and when work starts on the cable corridor which will run some 20-60 metres from my property.
- 2. In October 2017 I purchased 2 Pebble Cottages, Aldringham-cum-Thorpe IP16 4TZ to downsize and spend a peaceful retirement in marvellous surroundings. Nothing untoward appeared in land searches to suggest Scottish Renewables would be trying to take over the countryside all around my new home. This is an area I have known well since the late 1960's and where I knew I could really be happy, enjoying walking, cycling, golf, swimming, birdwatching and hosting family, in fact all the benefits living in an AONB affords, right on my own doorstep. I look out on fields and woods and enjoy the sight of grazing deer, copious numbers of birds and had the thrill last summer of having two broods of Turtle Doves feeding in my garden. This is a huge step forward in the development of Turtle Dove numbers which are on the Red list of endangered species. None of these joys will survive if Scottish Renewables decimate the area as they plan and if they are permitted to do so.
- 3. I now have a daily life of unremitting stress given the possibility of massive air pollution from heavy machinery and traffic and being overwhelmed by fine and harmful dust from excavations in a wholly sandy soil; the prevailing wind is westerly which will exacerbate the problem.
- 4. The East Suffolk coastline is being washed away at an alarming rate; this will be accelerated by SPR's coastal activities at Thorpeness.
- 5. For many generations this area has been used for leisure activities. These will be severely impacted with the destruction of many footpaths and bridle paths: our lanes and roads are not designed to cope with heavy construction traffic and the suggestions for mitigation by SPR are laughable and completely unworkable. This has been a safe area for families, tourist activities and wildlife; it will become a no-go area if SPR have their way. None of the roads are suitable for the volume\weight of construction site vehicles.
- 6. This is a tourist area something Suffolk has worked seriously hard to develop for the past 30+ years. There is a good level of employment and this is a happy area enjoying untold benefits of an unspoiled

- and peaceful coast with beautiful villages and areas of outstanding natural beauty in which to enjoy all that that implies. If SPR are given permission, tourism will be negatively impacted for years to come and many millions of pounds lost from the local economy.
- 7. If SPR receive planning permission to come ashore at Thorpeness, open-trench to Sizewell and on to Friston a way of life will be ruined and all that we enjoy forcibly taken from us for the foreseeable future
- 8. Friston is a small unspoiled village with a good village community, sitting within valuable agricultural land. It is totally unsuitable for the construction of a huge electrical substation with all the horrors that implies light, noise and air pollution and filth that will be generated from such a development. Our local citizens should not be made to suffer in this way.
- 9. The knowledge shown by SPR of the highway network in this region is questionable. The A12 is the arterial road that serves the whole of East Suffolk. It is a dangerous and very busy road all year round and especially so in the holiday months. SPR's suggestions for managing the traffic at the B1094 junction at Friday Street is wholly unacceptable. This is one of the most busy and dangerous intersections on the A12 and has experienced a high number of collisions and a fatality. Traffic lights have been suggested as an option which would cause traffic tailbacks miles long. I think SPR have been extremely lazy in their research and unrealistic in their expectations.

I could continue with copious reasons why SPR should not be granted permission for these developments. I understand it is a Spanish-owned company which is even more reason not to allow them to ride roughshod over our beautiful countryside.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Susan Seabrook



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