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Subject: Deadline 6 submission. PINS Ref. EA1N 20023073 & EA2 20023074

Dear Examining Authority,

Action Point 2. The Planning Balance from Open Floor Hearing 6 SEAS Update 34 - The Way Forward - A Split Decision

I fully support the SEAS submission that requests a split decision for the Applicants proposal as follows:-

- 1. The offshore turbine field is recommended for consent. I am fully supportive of renewable energy.
- 2. The onshore infrastructure is rejected in favour of full consideration of better locations for this infrastructure where the adverse impacts are minimised by using more suitable sites such as offshore at Sizewell, use of the existing cable route to Bramford or on a brownfield site.

I'm a resident of Friston and have participated throughout the course of the Hearings. It is clear that the impact of the cable laying and construction and use of the proposed substations would be devastating - not just for Friston but for a large area of East Suffolk. This would be a needless solution when there are alternatives of an offshore plant on Sizewell Bank, an existing cable route to Bramford where there is ample space for all future requirements and a number of potential brown field sites.

The BEIS Offshore Transmission Network Review, OFGEMs Decarbonisation paper and National Grid's plans for the Offshore/Onshore Wind Energy industry all emphasise the importance of respecting local communities and building plants offshore or on brown field sites.

The Prime Minister promised to "safeguard our cherished landscapes.....minimise the impact on local communities..... implement a more efficient approach to connecting offshore generation to the mainland grid".

There is a precedent for a split decision in the case of Triton Knoll where offshore consent was given in 2013 and onshore connection was approved in 2016.

In our case a split decision would allow the Applicant to proceed with the construction of the offshore wind farm whilst planning for a more suitable onshore site.

I urge the Examining Authority to rule on the basis of a split decision as proposed above.

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