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Re Noise, Flooding, Well being and Transport issue specific hearings 10 11 12 and 13.

I would like to endorse all of the representations made to you on behalf of the interested parties represented by SASES SEAS [REDACTED] of Aldeburgh town council and the many members of the public who have written and spoken in objection to this proposal.

I have attended many of the ISHs online as a resident of Friston village and at times been shocked by the representations of the applicant to the point that I find engaging with this process almost unbearable. We have endured over two years of shifting sands of information ranging from time scales of works, three years to seven years or more. Whether or not we will require double glazing due to the noise levels at Friston House. We have endured machinations of different building heights which seem to be negotiable as to whether or not the infrastructure will be attenuated or not. Air or Gas cooled.

This is an NSIP we are frequently reminded. It is, therefore, nationally significant that this application is examined as such.

I would like to remind the Exa that this project originated in the Sizewell area, at the end of a line of National Grid pylons that reach all the way to the coast where there already exist Nuclear power stations and substations. For reasons that are unclear an alternative site was sought in a restrained search area that was described as a face saving exercise by the applicants representatives at a consultation event in Thorpeness. The presence of an AONB or coastal walks was hardly a secret at the time of site selection in 2017/18.

Ending up at Friston which has absolutely no advantages re site selection suggests a level of desperation not compatible with an NSIP application. It demeans it.

This application has frequently been compared to EA1 at Bramford. Friston quite simply has absolutely nothing in common with this site. Whether it be transport links, proximity to a rural village, ambient noise levels, dark skies, the list of negative comparisons is almost infinite.

During ISH 12 we learnt new words in this enquiry, Context and Absolute from the sound expert from ESC in relation to Friston Village. We heard the applicant deny the extraordinary level of night time quiet even though he was presented with hard evidence. Friston and other rural sites in east Suffolk were described by ESC as exceptionally quiet as argued by SASES.

In one of the more depressing asides we learnt that if you stand on the bridleway at Bramford you cannot hear the substation! That is surely not an adequate submission for reasons I hardly need to explain! Further to that, we learnt that at the quietest time of night we would all be asleep and therefore not bothered by the noise from the substation. This is, of course, all available on your hearing recordings.

I have previously drawn the EXA authority's attention to the existence of WHO guidelines regarding noise and its effects on different demographics of the population although I am fairly

confident that the EXA are perfectly aware, and we have heard in detail many times what the demographics of Friston are. Perhaps the applicant should also be aware of both.

In the words of the EXA, how “confident” can we be that anything put to the EXA is accurate in the “context” of Friston village.

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