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Subject: Objections to the proposed on-shore electrical station at Friston
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Dear sirs,

East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarms
My Registration IDs – 20023062 and 20023063

I am writing to express my continuing dismay with the proposed development next to Friston.
My current issues are twofold:

1. The immense disruption caused by Scottish Power's exploratory ground works
2. The flood risk posed to Friston by the proposed development.

The Planning Inspectorate has yet to reach a decision on this huge infrastructure project, yet Scottish Power is carrying on (under the guise of exploratory ground works) as if it had carte blanche to proceed with the development. From our cottage in Friston we like walking on the public right of way to the north of the church in the direction of Little Moor Farm. This walk has been utterly ruined by the extensive ground works being undertaken by Scottish Power and it seems to be illustrative of a certain arrogance on their part that they should so desecrate the land before a planning decision has been reached. It is also very intimidating to see so much activity being carried out by these large earth-moving machines. I have enclosed a photo to show what now confronts us on our walk as opposed to the peace and quiet of the countryside that we always used to look forward to and which we hope to be able to enjoy again in the future. The current walk is like walking through a lunar landscape rather than the Constable countryside it was before. Why should Scottish Power undertake such extensive ground works before a planning decision has been reached? Why expend so much cost and effort in terms of manpower and machinery if they were not already certain of a positive outcome? I find their actions to be hugely provocative and to undermine the independent authority of the Planning Inspectorate.

As respects point 2 above, Scottish Power have chosen to ignore the fact that Friston is already prone to occasional flooding. Their solution to rainwater run-off from the proposed site is totally inadequate in view of its topography. We have owned our cottage in the centre of Friston for 16 years. For the first 14 years we never experienced any flooding issues, but twice now in the last 18 months sudden heavy downpours have led to water cascading down Aldeburgh Road to the crossroads at the junction with Grove Road, and our back garden has been completely submerged. These sudden and severe downpours seem to be becoming more regular and are perhaps a sign of climate change. Whatever the reason, it seems only logical that concreting over the fields that the proposed site will occupy will only exacerbate the situation and will lead to water entering our house. The latest downpour happened only 2 weeks ago and I enclose a couple of photos to show the ferocity of the water and its impact on our property.

I wish to re-iterate what many have said in more eloquent terms before me, namely that Friston is a wholly unsuitable site for a large infrastructure project. The electrical station belongs on a brown-field site where it was originally intended, not on rich agricultural land; and Friston does NOT fall under the definition of the Sizewell and Leiston area as was suggested by the National Grid for the site of the connecting station once it was deemed no longer viable to use the cable route from Bawdsey to Ipswich.

Yours faithfully,

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