



24 November 2021

**To The Secretary of State (BEIS) The Rt Hon Mr Kwasi Kwarteng MP**  
**Planning Inspectorate IDs 20023256 & ID 20023257**

Dear Secretary of State

**Application for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed East Anglia One North (EA1N) & East Anglia TWO (EA2) Offshore Wind Farms and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure**

We respond to your letter of 2 November and ask you again to please

**make a split decision on EA1N and EA2.**

**allow the offshore turbines to be built but reject the onshore proposals.**

Friston, a small rural ancient village, is a totally unsuitable location for an Energy Hub. A brownfield or industrialised site should be used. We greatly support green wind energy but it must be brought ashore in a green environmentally sensitive manner.

Throughout the Planning Inspectorate's examination of EA1N and EA2 the cumulative effect of multiple energy projects in this part of East Suffolk was not properly considered. Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) refused to acknowledge most of the proposals for other offshore energy connections at Friston, as well as the possibility of Sizewell C.

**If the onshore elements of SPR's proposals for EA1N and EA2 are allowed the flood gates will be opened for massive industrialisation** of this part of East Suffolk, allowing connections for Nautilus Interconnector, EuroLink Interconnector, North Falls, SCD1 and SCD2. Already National Grid Ventures has undertaken a non statutory consultation on Nautilus, aiming to connect to the National Grid at Friston.

Every one of those seven projects requires its own 9km long motorway width cable corridor ploughing through the protected landscapes of the Suffolk Coast AONB and Sandlings SPA, our rural villages and across pristine countryside. All of that after landfall on our fragile, ever changing and eroding coastline near Sizewell and Thorpeness, incorporating massive, ugly substations at Friston or en route, taller than most of our trees, dominating whichever part of our wonderful flat landscape is found thought best (cheapest?).

If all of these projects are allowed, and perhaps Sizewell C, it is obvious that this precious part of East Suffolk would be devastated forever. It would become the largest complex of energy infrastructure in the UK.

Our unspoilt landscape will become a concrete jungle, strewn with substations towering over our countryside, destroying everything around. Our wildlife, species diversity, ecologically important and protected sites will be ravaged and divided. All of this and our farmland will be devastated for up to 15 years whilst those projects progress, our footpaths and rural roads diverted, damaged and dammed. Our lives will become untenable, tranquillity and dark skies lost forever, roads clogged with HGVs, air full of dust, noise and light pollution.

These 'green energy' projects will ruin our nature based tourism industry, our principal economy, worth £40m a year, worth hundreds of jobs which will be lost, together with livelihoods and disappearing tourists. Who'd want to visit an area so blighted?

The proposals are utterly contrary to the COP26 draft decision text recognising the "interlinked global crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and the critical role of protecting, conserving and restoring nature and ecosystems in delivering benefits for climate adaptation and mitigation, while ensuring social and environmental safeguards". SPR plan to destroy not protect, conserve or restore all of that here.

There's nothing green or clean about SPR's onshore infrastructure plans. Dirty energy would be brought to Friston. Please don't let that happen.

Please **allow the offshore elements** of these windfarms to be built but **refuse permission for the onshore infrastructure**.

This will allow the wind farms to be constructed without delay.

Rejection of the onshore infrastructure proposals would allow a more suitable location for an Energy Hub to be found on a brown field or industrialised site.

Yours sincerely

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