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To: Secretary Of State (Kwasi Kwarteng)

Subject: Split decision please for Suffolk energy proposals

Dear Kwasi Kwarteng,

As you are aware, the Suffolk coastal area where I live is currently subject to a number of offshore energy proposals by Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid. If consented, the onshore infrastructure for these projects would lead to the irreversible industrialisation of this rural, fragile and beautiful area and severely damage our nature-based tourism economy.

I urge you please to recommend a split decision when making your decision on Scottish Power's EA1N & EA2 projects and the National Grid connection hub.

This would mean that the offshore turbine installation could commence without delay while providing the necessary time to:

- fully evaluate the cumulative impact of all the energy projects proposed for this area, including the Sizewell C project
- develop a plan to maximise connection infrastructure out to sea, or under the sea, in order to minimise the amount of onshore construction
- choose a grid connection on a brownfield or pre-industrialised site.

I strongly urge you, please, to pause before it too late. The current fragmented approach to land-based infrastructure, if implemented, would have a devastating and irreversible effect on our environment and our communities.

Best wishes,

Derek Walduck