From:

To: East Anglia ONE North; East Anglia Two

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Dear Mr Kwarteng

My family have lived in Suffolk for 3 generations on the East Coast; in that time, we have seen a significant reduction in the diversity of wildlife locally. If the cumulative proposed plans go ahead, we will see a further decline and perhaps elimination of the wildlife that currently uses woods, marshes and waterways as whole areas will be destroyed, truncated and buried under the proposed developments: EA1N, EA2 and Interconnectors Nautilus, Eurolink and Sealink; in addition there is also the proposed Sizewell C. During the build and cable laying an enormous infrastructure of roads, trenches and railway line will be implemented causing light/air and noise pollution for years. The destruction of habitat, high levels of pollution and the length of the proposed work will all impact severely on migratory birds, nesting seasons, reptiles and wildlife coupled to the extremely high level of increased construction traffic. The evidence to support the level of damage has been clearly documented in: REP13-072/REP11-183/REP9-087/REP8-242/REP6-141/REP5-115 and still Scottish Power have not completed a cumulative impact assessment on the area. EDF cut down an entire wood without the appropriate licence – acquiring it only after the destruction and taking place without clearing species from ground level living which is indicative of a refusal to address urgent questions of habitat and wildlife capacity, also indicative of their attitude to biodiversity concern. With 6 offshore energy projects coming ashore at different places, taking separate routes to the network hubs means miles of countryside will be constantly dug up in different locations. The cabling plans need to be coordinated so that this unnecessary destruction, traffic, and pollution doesn't take place constantly over different routes and many years.

This area of Suffolk has one of the most successful nature-based tourist industries bringing 40 million per annum to the East Coast in the form of employment and business. The level of construction and the proposed routes will eliminate this industry causing severe hardship to the local economy. Waterways that support local houses not on the mains water supply could see their fresh water supply diminish or disappear and make their properties unliveable. Marshes and Fens could see water levels affected and therefore be unable to support diverse and endangered species. The affected beach areas at Thorpeness and Sizewell are unsuitable for construction of this kind with compacted sand cliffs that are affected by erosion already for the proposed route for cables and rising sea levels will mean a threat to the finished construction of Sizewell C which is likely to become reality in the decades after completion. Thorpeness and Sizewell beach are a shingle beach which is rare and supports biodiversity. The ecosystems formed by this unique pebble and sand combination allow colonization by rare and endangered species.

I am asking for a reasonable approach and calling for a 'split decision' so that the offshore turbines can go ahead but the onshore construction is rejected in consideration of better locations where the massive infrastructure and adverse impacts are minimised at a brownfield or industrial site. The capacity of Bradwell as an integrated Wind Energy Hub has significantly greater potential than a village surrounded by farmland that will be out of food production for years to come, Bradwell is closer to London and on the coast removing the need & cost of cabling corridors being dug and re-dug and is a site in need of development in line with environmental undertakings by the UK Government. The areas for proposed energy developments contain, SSSI, AONB and SPA status —and form a significant part of the UKs contribution to the net biodiversity gain. These areas of land are thousands of years old; the soil value will be destroyed permanently – you cannot put back heritage land, you cannot resurrect species that are close to extinction who live in our local habitats. The entire community will suffer immeasurable disturbances, pollution, loss of income if these energy companies do not undertake a reasonable approach or find a suitable location for their proposal's. This will be the greatest destruction of habitat, community, farmland/food production and heritage value in the UK that has ever been witnessed – energy is part of the picture not the whole picture and should be managed with rationale and environmental investment.

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