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The Secretary of State (BEIS) The Rt Hon Mr Kwasi Kwarteng MP
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
1 Victoria Street
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Dear Sir

PINS Ref: EA1N: EN010077 and EA2: EN010078 and Ref ID No 20023248 and 20023249

I am writing in response to your letter of 20th December 2021 regarding protected species. I own and manage a successful local business supplying fruit and vegetable juices across the UK and internationally but also importantly with a strong customer base in the local retail and catering market.

SPR's application fails to acknowledge NG's intention to build several additional energy projects and the Examining Authority has not been presented with the full picture for consideration. The launch of Nautilus and NGV's confirmation of both Eurolink and SEA LINK are firm evidence that the proposal for the NGET substation which is part of SPR's application for EA1(N) and EA2 is merely the stalking horse for an enormous energy hub at Friston. This is totally incompatible with the landscape, the heritage coastline and the vital tourism (based on a combination of the natural beauty and the vibrant cultural life) on which the local economy depends and thrives. SPR's application has failed to produce an adequate cumulative impact assessment of (so far) five energy projects requiring multiple cable routes through our fragile coastline and the construction of multiple substation sites.

This area of coastal Suffolk is an economic success story (ref: [East-Suffolk-Report-2019](#)) in a county that has struggled to recover from the last recession and where deprivation levels have increased owing to factors including low employment and wages (ref: Suffolk Community Foundation's [Hidden Needs Report 2020](#)). The proposed onshore substations at Friston bring almost no long-term jobs to the local area yet threaten thousands of jobs connected to nature tourism which is a major magnet. The relatively short term employment demand required by these projects will have the effect of disrupting the local tourist based economy – drawing workers away from the retail, catering and service trades (building, property maintenance, gardening, cultural activities (eg Snape Maltings) which seriously risks the survival of these businesses and undermines the attractiveness of the area for visitors – both short term tourists and regular weekend visitors. [DMO research](#) predicts 15% decline in tourism if SPR plans go ahead. This would cause an economic loss of over £300 million during the 12-year construction period. A 15% loss of revenue will result in the loss or diminution of many shops, restaurants, hotels and cultural and sports facilities potentially substantially undermining the area's ability to attract the tourists it currently relies on. We do not want a return to the run down seaside town that Aldeburgh and area used to be 50 years ago. This is a coastal area of the UK which is a real all year round success – unlike most other UK seaside towns.

I urge you to accept The Rt Hon Dr Theresa Coffey MP's proposal for a split-decision and consent to the offshore turbines but firmly reject SPR's current onshore infrastructure plans in favour of an alternative location on a brownfield or industrialised site where the adverse impacts can be minimized.

- Please don't allow SPR's plans for the onshore infrastructure to threaten our thriving local tourist based economy
- Please don't allow SPR to damage our fragile heritage coast
- Please don't allow the intolerable noise, light and air pollution of SPR's onshore construction to damage the health and wellbeing of local residents
- Please don't allow SPR's plans to damage the prosperity of a beacon area in a county that has struggled to recover from the last recession and has become even more deprived in its aftermath.
- Please don't allow SPR to damage a success story that creates over 14,660 jobs representing 15.5% total employment in favour of an onshore energy hub that brings almost no long term employment benefits to the area
- Please don't allow SPR to blight a landscape that continues to inspire diverse artists, authors, musicians, performers, children and tourists as it has done for generations.

Please listen to Dr Coffey, to the findings of local campaign groups [SEAS](#) and [SASES](#) and to the many local residents who care deeply about the area and are committed to supporting local businesses, culture and heritage.

Best wishes

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