



WRITTEN REPRESENTATION FOR SPR EA1N and EA2 PROJECTS

Interested Party: The Suffolk Coast Destination Management Organisation Ltd (TSC)
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TSC has submitted a number of representations to the Examining Authority, often citing its concerns about the cumulative harm that the SPR projects and Sizewell C would have on the visitor economy. TSC has commissioned two independent studies that have evaluated that impact, a greater effort than any made by the applicant. In the 2021 survey update, consultants BVA BDRC modelled that the two SPR projects on their own would cause a 15% reduction in visitors to the area. [REDACTED]

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In recent months yet more projects have emerged that will require onshore infrastructure in rural East Suffolk. The launch of consultation on the Nautilus Interconnector project, and now the Eurolink and SEA LINK projects, are clear evidence that the proposal for the NGET substation at Friston, which is part of SPR's application for EA1N and EA2, is merely the foundation for an even larger energy hub.

These developments are entirely inappropriate for this unspoiled area, where tourism is a vital part of the local economy. These additional projects will create even greater harm that what was modelled in the two studies, but SPR has not attempted to measure the impacts.

On behalf of its 220 business members, TSC supports the "split decision" suggestion proposed by Therese Coffey MP that consents 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.

Harry Young, Chairman of The Suffolk Coast DMO