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Subject: East Anglia One North (EA1N) and East Anglia Two (EA2) Offshore Wind Applications

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Dear Secretary of State,

East Anglia One North (EA1N) and East Anglia Two (EA2) Offshore Wind Applications

I write in connection with the threat to the area of East Suffolk inland from Aldeburgh and Thorpeness posed by the above proposals from Scottish Power.

I am not, as you see, a local resident, but I know the area very well, having attended the Aldeburgh Festival virtually every year since 1972, and it means a great deal to me. The proposal will entail not just bringing multiple cables onshore from offshore wind farms through cliffs at Thorpeness that are already crumbling through active sea erosion. It also envisages the creation of a series of 7 large (8 acres each) substations further inland near the village of Friston. All this is in the Suffolk Coastal Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, an area that was a major inspiration to this country's greatest composer, Benjamin Britten, and continues to inspire both local artists and musicians and legions of visitors from at home and abroad. The proposals will result in effect in the industrialisation of this idyllic rural landscape. In common with other objectors, I believe the problem is not with the offshore wind farms, which most people concede are a significant way of addressing the challenge of climate change, but with the onshore ramifications. The ruination of an AONB is simply not an acceptable price to pay, especially as I gather the developing technology would make it possible to accommodate the cables and infrastructure much less damagingly.

I believe that instead it would be far more appropriate to make a 'split decision', granting consent for the offshore aspects but refusing consent for the onshore works, as urged by the local MP Therese Coffey. I therefore urge you to refuse permission for the onshore scheme until such time as it

is radically amended to ensure minimal destruction and disruption to this lovely area, for instance by confining the development to a brownfield site.

Yours sincerely,

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