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**From:** Alan Bullard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2019 10:46  
**To:** JENRICK, Robert <jenrickr@parliament.uk>  
**Subject:** Energy Proposals for the Friston area, East Suffolk

Dear Mr Jenrick,

I am writing to you to share my concern regarding the proposal to erect a National Grid substation and two Scottish Power substations, on the edge of the village of Friston close to the village church and to a number of listed buildings.

This proposal will not only be damaging to the village of Friston and its community, but also, when combined with other proposals within a ten-mile radius (Sizewell C, expansion of Greater Gabbard and Galloper windfarms, and the Nautilus Interconnector proposed by National Grid Ventures) will completely change the character of the East Suffolk AONB. Landfall sites will fragment the fragile coastline, underground cable routes will rip up miles of beautiful countryside during their lengthy construction period and possibly afterwards, the increase in traffic along small local roads will be massive, and power and sub-stations will despoil large areas of productive farmland and beautiful areas of recreation for ever, with their noise and light pollution spreading far over the community.

While wind farms are to be welcomed as a source of green energy (and possibly nuclear to some extent), it does not seem necessary to despoil our beautiful countryside to distribute the energy, when other substation sites and underground cable routes already exist.

The East Suffolk area relies heavily on tourism, and is also home to a great number of creative people in the arts – all of whom are attracted to the area by its present character. If these proposals bear fruit, they will decimate the tourist industry on which the area relies. The Friston proposals are unlikely to provide any permanent employment for local people, and the Sizewell proposals are reliant on bringing a large workforce from elsewhere.

As we approach the Planning Inspectorate deliberations, I would be grateful if you would bring your influence to bear on these points and help us to preserve the beauty of East Suffolk for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,  
Alan Bullard

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