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Dear Ms Mignano

### **SCOTTISH POWER – EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH AND EAST ANGLIA TWO**

I refer to the rule six letter dated 21 February 2020 and the PINS letter dated 4 March 2020. I wish to confirm that I, on behalf of SASES and representing the views of Friston Parish Council, will be attending:

1. the Preliminary Meetings on 24 March 2020
2. ISH1 on the morning of 25 March 2020
3. ISH2 on the afternoon of 25 March 2020.

At these meetings and hearings we will be represented by counsel, Richard Turney of Landmark Chambers. We wish to make oral representations in respect of both the EA1N and EA2 Applications.

Given we are represented by counsel I would like to confirm the seating arrangements at these meetings and hearings. In addition there are three members of SASES with particular expertise who I might also wish to call upon and it would be helpful if they could have seats nearby.

#### **Preliminary Meetings**

In relation to the Preliminary Meetings we wish to make representations on the following agenda items but we reserve the right to comment on other items if there are matters raised at the meeting on which we have concerns.

Item 4 – Initial Assessment of Principal Issues - Whilst each of the issues relevant to the impacts on Friston are identified in the list of issues, we are keen to emphasise the need for detailed consideration of all the impacts at Friston, preferably through consideration of this specific site during the examination.

Item 7 – Deadlines - We note that the ExA has set out in Annex G topics where Statements of Common Ground are to be prepared. We have instructed experts in the areas of landscape, heritage, noise and flooding. It may be helpful to the examination process if our experts could participate in the preparation of relevant SoCGs to assist in the agreement of factual information.

Item 8 – Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspections - We are concerned about the amount of time which has been allocated to Issue Specific Hearings in respect of onshore environmental matters. As is evidenced by the Relevant Representations there are some serious issues to address and as

referred to above, we have instructed experts in a number of areas. Furthermore we understand there may be significant differences in expert opinion in some of these areas, which will need to be examined. We would like to suggest that ISH3 is extended to a whole day rather than a morning.

Item 9 - We welcome the invitation which has been extended to NGET and NGESO (together "National Grid") to attend ISH1. We consider National Grid should be required to directly participate and play active role in the entire examination process.

### **Issue Specific Hearings 1**

We wish to make representations on the following agenda items but the reserve the right to comment on other items if there are matters raised at the hearings on which we have concerns. We have had limited time to consider the agenda and meet the request to provide a summary outline of the issues we wish to raise but trust the following will provide sufficient information for programming.

Agenda item 2 – The Applicants' approaches to the projects – the issues which we wish to raise principally relate to the following.

- National Grid's site selection and CION assessments in respect of windfarm connection offers in Suffolk.
- The Applicants' and National Grid's site and cable route selection processes in respect of the Sizewell/Leiston area.
- The design criteria for both the Applicants' and National Grid's substations and other infrastructure.
- The Applicants' and National Grid's use of the Rochdale Envelope - lack of detailed design to date, size of substations for other projects, downsizing of projects due to CFD regime.
- The importance of site selection and alternatives to the determination of the Applications.

Agenda item 3 – Interfaces with other projects as siting and design considerations onshore - the issues which we wish to raise principally relate to the following.

- Operational safety matters relating to the Sizewell Estate - this relates to the impact on evacuation plans.
- The cumulative impact of EA1N, EA2, National Grid Ventures' Nautilus and Eurolink interconnector projects, the expansion of the Greater Gabbard windfarm, the expansion of the Galloper windfarm and NGESO's recent proposals to build one and possibly two 2GW interconnectors between Sizewell and Kent.
- The extent to which the projects enable those other projects and therefore require cumulative assessment.

Agenda item 4 - The relevance or otherwise of additional or emerging siting and design considerations onshore - the issues which we wish to raise principally relate to the following.

- The policy context in the energy NPSs and other relevant guidance.
- The current regulatory environment, Ofgem's actions under its decarbonisation action plan and the recent projects set out in the NGESO Network Options Assessment.

Agenda item 5 - the issues which we wish to raise principally relate to the changes required to the DCO Applications to accommodate the issues raised in respect of agenda items 2, 3 and 4.

Agenda items 6, 7, 8 and 9 – we may want to raise issues depending upon the comments of the ExAs, the Applicants and other attendees at the hearings.

**Issue Specific Hearings 2**

We are aware of the delays which have been caused to other DCO Applications for windfarms by matters relating to the Habitats Regulations Assessments and specifically offshore ornithological issues. Accordingly we may wish to make representations in respect of the possibility and consequences of delay to the Applications and the extent to which these projects can take into account the findings in respect of other projects which will emerge during the course of the examination.

We generally reserve the right to comment on other items if there are matters raised at the hearings on which we have concerns.

Yours sincerely

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