

The Planning Inspectorate

# East Anglia ONE North East Anglia TWO

A Report of procedural submissions from parties not attending the Preliminary Meeting





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All these energy projects are being considered without a strategy document in force. But at the same time a strategy process is being started on 15thJuly, the Minister of Energy (BEIS), Kwasi Kwarteng, announced the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR). This review will provide a much needed strategy overview of the industry but will be too late to include the projects considered in the planning process.

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**Supporting documents to be submitted?** I will be submitting one or more supporting documents (.pdf files) by email

# Alan Thomas

Interest in: Both Applications

#### Is there anything else:

The Applicant has sought consent for the two developments as separate entities. As a consequence there are a number of possible outcomes:

- Both projects are accepted
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# Anthony Fincham



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There should be a physical meeting which as I understand it will be permissible from 1 October 2020. Many people will not have the facility to participate in a video meetings and in any event it is an unsatisfactory method for dealing with these matters.

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The whole process should be suspended pending the BEIS Review. To go ahead now would be a tantamount to hanging a man before his appeal has been heard.

#### Agenda Item 6 See

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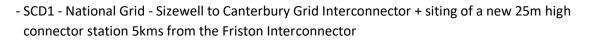
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### **Christine Laschet**

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Is there anything else:

I am a hearing aid wearer and unless speakers express them selves clearly I may not be able to understand what they are saying.



# **Carole Patricia Morley**

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# David Patrick Sean Steen

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#### Is there anything else

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### **Derek Brough**

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# **Elizabeth Corstorphine Thomas**

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Agenda Item 3: Given the level of community interest recorded in EA1N and EA2 onshore development and given the limitations of technology in this region combined with the differing personal skills of the IP's in accessing technology, the virtual hearings cannot be considered fair and non discriminatory

#### Agenda Item 4

Agenda Item4: Has PINS taken full account in this procedure of the cumulative onshore effect of all the other developments planned for this area? ie

Nautilus Eurolink SCD1 SCD2 Greater Gabbard Galloper, Sizewell C and B

The onshore impact of all these developments must be considered in any DCO application.

#### Agenda Item 6

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#### Agenda Item 7

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#### Agenda Item 8



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### **Fiona Cramb**

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# Gillian Horrocks

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### **Glynis Robertson**

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### Harry Tyler

Interested in: Both Applications

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## Agenda Item 7

Again no further action until the results of the current review are known.

#### Agenda Item 8

There need to be visits by interested parties.

These visits to be in gthe summer and not in the winter.

#### Is there anything else:

The meeting, physical not virtual should take place at Snape Maltings.

# Julia Wheeler

Interest in: Both Applications

#### Is there anything else

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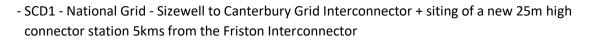
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Sizewell B extension & potential new build at Sizewell C plus EA1N & EA2 to the above will mean extensive industrialisation in a very small area of rural AONB Heritage Coast.

Why has the National Planning Inspectorate allow two separate DCO applications to be conjoined? It is unprecedented and is causing twice the amount of work for us, as well as the already unequal and unfair process, with the advantage weighing heavily in the applicant's favour. There is a presumption that both will get approved, there is no indication of what would happen if one was approved and one not.....so there really are one application? The infrastructure required for either EA1N or EA2 would be different. Why were previous approved projects down graded which could have included this capacity.

Why has National Grid not presented its own DCO Application prior to any application from EA1N Ltd and EA2 Ltd? There is no transparency to this part of the model, and they have not appeared at any meetings or consulted with any local stakeholders. Is there a reason for the lack of investment over the years by National Grid in connections near demand?. Why is National Grid Ventures seen as a separate organisation when it is a parallel branch? At what point in the Preliminary Hearings and the Examination Hearings will National Grid be questioned or asked to provide its evidence and rationale for selection of this grid connection point for SPR?

### Agenda Item 6



These comments apply to both applications:

This application is so important in the local area because if it is approved now it will see other projects approved (10 in total) which will feed into the same National Grid point, and required additional sub stations to be located within 5km of Friston. So the Preliminary Hearings should be paused until a full and equitable process can be done in person. No virtual model will be the same, or provide the same opportunity on a level playing field for individuals who are not IT experts or planning experts and should not be disadvantaged further....taking part is difficult in normal circumstances and PINs appears to have forgotten this. The applicant has a huge advantage.

Many industries have had to postpone events or developments due to Covid-19 (we have). This application will not really have an impact on restarting the economy of the area which has been affected by Covi-19 infact it would be the last straw for many local businesses such as ours. We need to be doing all we can to secure the future of this area, not bring years of disruption for the gain of UK plc. The Hearings for this DCO application should be deferred until after the Review into the design and development of offshore windfarms. Should this DCO process go ahead it will be perceived as not transparent or inclusive of widely expressed and held views.

Conferences will be permitted after 1st October 2020, and indoor performances of theatre will follow soon hopefully in September socially distanced, so why cannot Snape Maltings be used for hearings in person as planned? Is it the applicant's timeline to secure the seabed which is driving this decision? If so, why?

#### Agenda Item 7

The deadline for written representations to be submitted and considered should be after the Review and its associated findings have been published. The technology is quickly becoming redundant and the Review may provide a clear and less detrimental stra

#### Agenda Item 8

These comments apply to both applications:

November/late Autumn is too late to schedule Accompanied Site Visits. These visits should take place before the Preliminary Hearings begin while the height of the growing season and wildlife can be seen prior to wildlife hibernating and birds migrating. IAn accurate assessment cannot be made in late Autumn alone.

Because it is such a large topic there should be issue specific hearings on key onshore matters.

#### Agenda Item 9

Although the historic setting is considered, the link with Arts and Theatre has not featured strongly in the Preliminary Hearings or the proposed Examination Hearings schedule. The impact on us as a businesses is clearly defined by te DMO report and we would wish this to be highlighted.

# Marie Szpak

Interest in: Both Applications



#### Is there anything else

Please be aware that in this area the internet connection can be lost easily.

I have no experience of using Microsoft Teams so will need guidance on this. I presume it can be used on an apple computer/iPad.

# MartinCotter

Interest in: Both Applications

#### Is there anything else

I still believe that the meetings should be held in public where people's emotion can be aired.

# Mary Shipman

Interest in: Both Applications

### Is there anything else

Would the ExA please set out clearly the relationship between this Examination and the recently announced BEIS Review into Onshore Connections for Energy Projects as these appear to be in direct conflict.

I ask that the Preliminary Meeting sets out the topics to be covered in Issue Specific Hearings and ask that the following are specifically covered: Flooding (our property is Friston is already at risk); Cumulative Impact and the future of the National Grid substation; Effects on Listed Buildings; Traffic; Ecology; Landscape & Land Use; Noise in Construction and Operation; Tourism & Socioeconomic impacts; Footpaths.

The DCO itself also requires careful scrutiny.

# Michael Anthony Lewis

Interest in: Both Applications

## Is there anything else

I fall into the 'vulnerable' category, as described by the Government (age, health) and as such have been socially isolating, and more recently distancing. I am very new to using a computer and can just about manage emails! To date, in order to complete paperwork linked to this DCO application, I have had to break social distancing rules and rely on a good hearted neighbour to assist me. It goes without saying that I am not at all happy with the 'virtual' meeting scenario, yet I understand the necessity in the current climate. I feel disempowered and, ironically, even more socially isolated. I have no experience of using Microsoft Teams and would like you to send me details of how I can access this to observe, and so take part in, the Preliminary Meeting. I must say that what frustrates me further is that I am not only a resident of the village living near to the proposed development site, but also directly involved because the Applicant (SPR) wish to take permanent rights over some of my land. I am aware that initially, this is not pertinent ie. to the Preliminary Meeting, but I give you notice here that I will want to orally participate in subsequent public planning events, hence my request for advice and help using the technology from the Planning Inspectorate Team.

# **Michael Challoner Jones**

Interested in: Both Applications Agenda

### Items 2 & 3

items 2&3 As the government has stated that conferences will be permitted from 1st October the Examining authorities should not hold "virtual meetings" but wait until after that date for real meetings - I cannot do virtual meetings as previously explained.

### Agenda Item 4

EA1N & EA2 Why are there two separate and near identical DCO applications and why is the grid not also submitting a DCO ? There are a total 10 projects in the pipeline for this area at present and that is before the next round of leasing! The total effect of all these projects should be considered together - not piecemeal.

### Agenda Item 6

The BEIS have announced a review of the way that offshore transmission networks are designed and delivered in a satisfactory long term manner. This is clearly not being done in a coordinated manner via these DCOs at present.

The reviews should be suspended until the review is published.

#### Agenda Item 7

All actions should be suspended until after the BEIS review. Agenda

#### Item 8

The timing is inappropriate for further visits etc.

# **Michael Mahony**

Interested in: Both Applications

#### Agenda Items 2 & 3

EA1N & EA2 - what are the Examining Authorities' views of the impact on the examinations timetables of the Offshore Transmission Network Review announced by BEIS on 15 July 2020? The Examining Authorities are no doubt aware that the Review acknowledges in the context of the development of offshore wind that there are "...considerable environmental and local impacts, particularly from the associated onshore infrastructure required to connect to the national transmission network.". These are impacts which will fall to be considered as part of the examinations processes and Scottish Power may well and National Grid will participate in that Review. A copy of the BEIS announcement and the terms of reference of the Review have been emailed to the Case Teams.

#### Agenda Item 4

EA1N & EA2 - the references below are to the issues as numbered in the Examining Authorities' Initial Assessments of Principal Issues.

Issue 6 - the the third sub issue should be expanded to include the implications of the BEIS Offshore Transmission Network Review as referred to in section 11 above.

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Issue 15 - the interface with other offshore energy projects should be specifically identified under this issue, namely NGV's Nautilus and Eurolink interconnector projects, the Greater Gabbard windfarm extension, the Galloper windfarm extension, National Grid's SCD1 and SCD2 interconnector projects.

## Agenda Item 8

1. There is a need for ASIs to include my home, garden and land including their boundary with the Saxmundham Road (B1121) where National Grid and Scottish Power are seeking possession to conduct works. Further the access point to the proposed operational access road from the Saxmundham Road (B1121) should be inspected.

2. There must be a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing in this case, not least because Scottish Power/National Grid are seeking substantial permanent and temporary rights over my land, including land which forms part of my home and garden. Fairness requires a hearing to determine the issues raised in my Relevant Representations. Further sufficient time should be allocated at any CAH to deal with the issues which affect my land and in particular (but not exclusively) Scottish Power/National Grid's justification for acquiring rights over land which forms part of my home and garden.

3. With the exception of the new member of the examining authorities, the examining authorities have not conducted a site inspection during the summer months when the landscape looks very different compared to the middle of winter. Accordingly it is suggested that a site inspection should be conducted in the late summer/autumn.

4. On Issue Specific Hearings there is a clear and compelling need for hearings in respect of matters relating to onshore impacts to ensure the adequate examination of the relevant issues and so that interested parties have a fair chance to put their case.

5. It is necessary to hold issue specific hearings in respect of the impacts of the proposed developments particularly in the Friston area (as well as along the cable route) and proposed mitigation measures in respect of those impacts.

6. Separately, hearings should be held in relation to the grid connection location and substation site in respect of:

- site selection



- alternatives
- interrelationships with other projects
- cumulative impacts,

and for these hearings, National Grid and the developers of other projects should be invited to participate.

7. The need for hearings to be held in relation to the draft Development Consent Order, as identified by the examining authorities on page B9 of the Rule 6 letter dated 16 July 2020, is supported given the excessive flexibility granted to the developer by the current draft DCO.

**Supporting documents to be submitted?** I will be submitting one or more supporting documents (.pdf files) by email

### Is there anything else

- 1. A number of interested parties are not receiving email updates from the Planning Inspectorate on a regular basis despite being registered for such updates. This issue has been brought to PINS' attention before but the problem persists.
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- there is no facility to view the entirety of the form before it is completed so one can assess the work that will be required to complete the form and how the different options offered within the form work
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- other than an acknowledgement that the form has been submitted upon submission, there is no email/document provided by the Planning Inspectorate which confirms this is the case and which can act as a record of submission.

# **Mr Martin Freeman**

Interested in: Both Applications

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# MRS ALISON ANDREWS

Interested in: Both Applications

## Agenda Items 2 & 3

As business events and conferences will be permitted after 1 October please wait until physical meetings can be held

## Agenda Item 4

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## Is there anything else

Please ensure matters are considered in the right order or else the whole thing will have to be done again once the Review is completed.

# **Mrs Pat Dorcey**

Interest in: Both Applications

## Is there anything else

It seems that live conferences will be resumed in October 2020 so I request that the preliminary meetings should be postponed until they can be live therefore giving the majority of the public a fair opportunity to partake

# Mrs Sheridan Steen



Interested in: Both Applications

## Agenda Items 2 & 3

Given the scale, complexity, and the cumulative impact of the Scottish Power Renewables proposals, I believe that these applications are totally unsuitable for virtual examination. In addition, I know that some sectors of the community with limited access to the internet and possibly low levels of computer skills will be hugely disadvantaged and most definately disenfranchised by not being able to attend the Examinations in person. I therefore request that Planning Inspectorate give extremely serious consideration to postponing the Examinations until such time as they are capable of being conducted with an audience and participants present in person.

### Is there anything else

The Planning Applications should wait until BEIS has completed its full inquiry into the Offshore Transmission Network Review, announced on the 15th July 2020. In addition given the announcement made by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport that business events and conferences by held from 1st October 2020 then live meetings should go ahead. Finally, there must be issue specific hearings in respect of the onshore impacts of the Scottish Power and National Grid projects. National Grid MUST attend both these hearings.

# Mya Manakides

Interested in: Both Applications

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# Natasha Victoria Green



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# Nichola Jane Winter

Interested in: Both Applications

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My comments here relate to both applications. Events have moved on since this process first began. BEIS announced a review (Offshore Transmission Network Review) on 15th July 2020 stressing the inefficiency of SPR's project as well as that of National Grid. The outcome of this review should be awaited before EA1N and EA2 are even considered. Also, 'virtual' hearings disenfranchise those without internet access and those with only intermittent access. Here is Friston we suffer from both. Mobile phone coverage, too, is erratic. As a householder in Friston my energy supplier was unable to fit a smart meter due to phone signal inadequacy. The option of linking to virtual meetings by landline is completely unsatisfactory and disables the participant from proper engagement with the process. (This point has also been made by the Dept of Culture, Media and Sport - only open physical events enable proper community participation.)

### Nicholas Bruce Winter

Interested in: Both Applications

### Agenda Items 2 & 3

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has announced (15th July 2020) an "Offshore network Transmission Review".

The proposals by SPR for their EA1N and EA2 offshore wind farms are surely central to the subject of the review Would it therefore not be logical to pause the consideration of the EA1N and EA2 proposals until the BEIS review has taken place?

Also, there is a strong feeling in the local community that we are disadvantaged by holding the EA1N and EA2 examination process online, due to our lack of technical expertise, our lack of up-to-date computer equipment and the inadequate internet local network. The Department of Culture, Media and Sport is encouraging events and conferences to be held as live physical events. In that light, why can we not have some "real" meetings as part of the examination process in which the community can participate fully?

### Agenda Item 4

Given the large scale of the SPR proposals for EA1N and EA2, there must be issue-specific hearings to consider the serious damage that the onshore components will have on the environment in East Suffolk.

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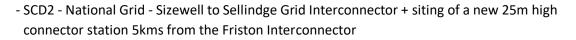
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### Paul Bongers de Rath

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### **Peter Furnivall**

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### **Piers Sturridge**

Interested in: Both Applications

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### **Richard Cooper**

Interested in: Both Applications

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### **Richard Piercy**

Interest in: Both Applications

### Is there anything else

The procedure, as set out in new rule 6 appears extremely complicated for the layman,

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Why have the planning applications for East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two not been put on hold, bearing in mind the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategies have yet to hold a full enquiry into the Offshore Transmission Network?

### **Rosie Norton**

Interested in: Both Applications

### Agenda Items 2 & 3

Since there are other windfarms coming along why not consider these at a planning meeting some time in the future, along with these two applications so that there is a co-ordinated strategy to renewable energy production with an offshore Ring Main and an offshore substation. It is appalling that these windfarm applications are all considered one or two at a time. The energy production companies MUST get together and set out a future strategy that makes them more efficient, and communicate with each other, rather than this piecemeal approach which is carving up and destroying so much lovely countryside, for very little benefit when there are only one or two windfarms applying ad hoc. This application should be delayed until a more sensible approach is taken by these energy companies.

### Agenda Item 4

This area of Suffolk is wildlife rich and encompasses heathland and other fragile and precious ecosystems. The harm that this application can do is massive and the damage can never be made right, however much mitigation is put in place, which does not always succeed. This means that animals and plants will be lost forever. Many of these animals are suffering reductions in populations such as the adder, which is present all around this area, not always to breed, but to hunt for food a

sit moves around the Sandlings. The land will be fragmented meaning they and other will suffer, and in some cases will die. Such upheaval is not warranted for this project. This is also an area of beauty where residents and holiday makers come to relax and enjoy it. It will therefore do untold damage to local businesses and the tourist industry in Suffolk, which means that many people will lose their jobs. Placing these cables elsewhere, where another trench already exists could be an answer, such as the Bawdsey trench, but far better would be to wait and set up an offshore Ring Main connection and an Offshore Substation, such as in the Netherlands. There is also a very important question here. Many people, probably hundreds, would have liked to be involved in this part of the Agenda, but virtual methods mean that they are excluded and have no representation. Virtual examination is not a practical solution. To ensure that as many people as possible can take part in this discusiion this application should should be delayed until the whole project can be discussed in a right and proper manner and not just in a way that happens to suit the applicant.

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### Agenda Item 6

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#### Is there anything else

Please cancel the virtual Hearing and have a proper one, then I will be able to take part! PLEASE EMAIL ME A COPY OF THIS FORM AS I DON'T KNOW IF I WILL BE ABLE TO PRINT IT.

### Rt Hon Dr Therese Coffey MP

Interested in: Both Applications

### Agenda Items 2 & 3



#### EA1N & EA2 DCO Virtual hearings

I am opposed to the suggestion that the Planning Inspectorate can only meet virtually. My constituents have raised with me the various points below about the difficulties of virtual only hearings and I think it should be possible to organise a hybrid system.

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Digital technology is not always entirely reliable in rural areas and it is no substitute for interacting and communicating with somebody in the same physical space, particularly when there are complex and difficult issues to discuss. So however effective the technology being tested by the Planning Inspectorate may be it can never be a substitute for a truly public meeting. Please consider the following.

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### SEAS (Suffolk Energy Action Solutions) Campaign Group

Interested in: Both Applications

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### Shanna Jayne Paterson on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation

Interested in: Only the Application for East Anglia TWO

#### Is there anything else:

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### Simon Nicholas Fulford

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### Simon John Andrew Ive on behalf of Friston Parochial Church Council

Interest in: Both Applications

### Is there anything else

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These apply also to my personal concerns

### Tessa Katharine Wojtczak

Interested in: Both Applications

### Agenda Items 2 & 3

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Please do not proceed with a joint hearing. The consequences for this small area would be catastrophic, and surely merit more considered and contextualised evaluation. Additionally the pressure created for local interested parties, especially at a time of such great personal and national upheaval, must favour the Applicant unfairly.

EA2. Please see answer above in relation to EA1N.

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Nautilus, Eurolink, SCD1, SCD2, Greater Gabbard, Galloper, Sizewell C, SPR EAIN and EA2 are all either on the table or proposed in the period 2021-35. 9 and possibly 10 in a small region. The highly significant cumulative effect of all these projects must responsibly and fairly be taken into consideration in this, the first relevant (joint) DCO.

EA2. Please see remarks for EA1N above.

### Agenda Item 6

The following remarks apply to both EA1N and EA2.

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### Agenda Item 7

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### Tim Beach

Interest in: Both Applications

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### **Tony Munden**

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- NAUTILUS National Grid Ventures Sizewell to Belgium Interconnector + siting of a new 25m high connector station 5kms from the Friston Interconnector
- EUROLINK National Grid Ventures Sizewell to Holland Interconnector + siting of a new 25m high connector station 5kms from the Friston Interconnector
- SCD1 National Grid Sizewell to Canterbury Grid Interconnector + siting of a new 25m high connector station 5kms from the Friston Interconnector
- SCD2 National Grid Sizewell to Sellindge Grid Interconnector + siting of a new 25m high connector station 5kms from the Friston Interconnector
- GREATER GABBARD Windfarm Extension
- GALLOPER Windfarm Extension

Add Sizewell B & C plus EA1N & EA2 to the above, that makes a total of 10 energy projects from 2021 to 2035 and more to come with The Crown Estates' Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4. It is completely unprecedented that a whole district should be industrialised on such a scale and ALL proposed energy developments should be seriously considered in EA1N and EA2 DCO applications, the first of the DCO's to be examined by the Planning Inspectorate.

### Agenda Item 6

Agenda Item 6 - EA1N and EA2. Given the recent Review announced by BEIS, (a Review into the way that the offshore transmission network is designed and delivered, consistent with the ambition to deliver net zero emissions by 2050), the Preliminary Meetings and Examinations should be suspended until such time as the Review has been completed. The Examination Authority should NOT be under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting. Rather the Examining

Authority should wait until after the results of this Review has been published before embarking on scrutiny of these applications.

### Agenda Item 7

Agenda 7 - EA1N & EA2. The deadline for written representations, local impact reports and other submissions should be delayed until after the results of the Review have been published.

### Agenda Item 8

Agenda item 8 - EA1N and EA2. There should be issue specific hearings on key onshore matters.

Agenda item 8 - EA1N and EA2 – ACCOMPANIED SITE VISITS - November 2, late Autumn, is too late to schedule Accompanied Site Visits. The land will be dormant, wild life hibernating and birds will have migrated. In habitat and biodiversity case, where this would prevent an accurate assessment, would the ExA consider bringing them forward to August / early September prior to the PM meeting?

### **Tristan Steen**

Interested in: Both Applications

### Agenda Items 2 & 3

I would like to know why it is so complicated and hard to follow and why I was not informed of the new form required or request to provide more information. I would like to understand if due process has been followed correctly.

#### Is there anything else

Why isn't this process being delayed to take into consideration the wider review of off-shore and onshore renewable energy infrastructure that needs to occur to ensure all infrastructure projects and coordinated in a safe and sustainable manner.

### Victoria Sebag

Interest in:

#### Is there anything else

These meetings should not be held remotely as these types of meetings can be held in real from Oct 1st 2020. We had an online planning meeting held in July this year, albeit with MidSuffolk, and it was nearly a disaster for us as there was a large amount of confusion with our application. Online really is not an ideal platform if you don't need to do this. Best wishes, Ms V Sebag

### William Robert Halford

Interested in: Both Applications

### Agenda Items 2 & 3



EA1N and EA2

11.1 BEIS published Terms of Reference for the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) on 15 July 2020.

The Terms of Reference state that "with the exception of East Anglia Three, all the other planned

projects in Suffolk, including East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two, are within scope of the OTNR

Medium Term Workstream as they are due to connect between 2025 and 2030". We understand the Medium

Term Workstream will consider the opportunities available to increase the level of coordination in relation to the provision of energy infrastructure and measures to incentivise Developers to engage with this work".

Given this, I request that ExA shall decide on BEIS and ExA shall manage the interaction between the examination of these projects and the Review, and in particular whether and how the timing of the examination shall impacterd by the OTNR.

11.1 GOV.UK Guidance - "Planning Inspectorate virtual events: guide to participating" update dated 12 August 2020 provided 'System Requirements' for those external to the Planning Inspectorate who are attending a virtual event such as a hearing or inquiry and wish to speak".

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-virtual-events-guidetoparticipating?utm\_source=02e0b9d3-740c-4bb2-8ba3-2e629a8943a7&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\_content=immediate

Many residents (particularly the elderly population) who live within the SPR Onshore Scoping Area (average age 48-50) are unlikely to have online devices that are sufficiently modern to meet those requirements. I therefore ask that ExA decides to retain flexibility to schedule at the earliest opportunity OFH and ISH meetings at a meeting place capable of maintaining HMG social distancing guidelines in force at that time..

#### Agenda Item 4

EA1N and EA2

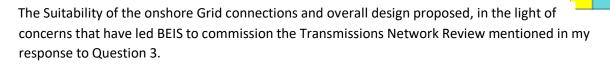
12.1 Issue 5 (dDCO) - add sub issue:

Time Limit for exercise of authority to compulsorily purchase land (unusually specified as 7 years)

12.2 Issue 5 (dDCO) - add sub issue:

Defence to proceedings against Statutory Nuisance - what are the particular assessed nuisance(s) that necessitate such a defence?

12.3 Issue 6 (Electricity Connections etc) - add sub issue:



12.4 Issue 14 (Nuisance and other Public Health Effects): Revise third sub issue to:

Air quality during construction and impact on the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) and elsewhere and with respect to European Directive on Ambient Air Quality and Cleaner Air for Europe

12.5 Issue 14 (Nuisance and other Public Health Effects): Add sub issue:

Impact of disturbance of sandy topsoil along the cable route. NB This is one of the driest areas of the country and particular conditions must be applied to ensure dust is effectively controlled continuously throughout construction.

12.6 Issue 16 ((Project Description and Site Selection). Revise third sub issue to:

Assessment of alternatives (to include onshore landfall, cable corridor route and Substations)

12.7 Issue 19 (Transportation and Traffic) Revise first sub topic to:

Traffic generation, construction vehicle Routing, traffic managerment and highway safety

Issue 19 (Transportation and Traffic) Add sub topic:

Effects on construction vehicle routing along new haul roads on residents close by

### Agenda Item 8

16.1 Accompanied Site Inspections:

The timetable proposed in Annex D reserves time for ASI's in January 2021

This is too late to inform ExA about specific issues prior to ISHs in November 2020.

A pre-winter ASIs are necessary to ascquaint ExA with cdertain seasonal issues

The weasther and ground conditions in January are very likely to result in cancellation or further deferral

Re: Gipsy Lane, Aldringham. - previous Unaccompanied Site Inspections USI1 (Inspection 1.2) and USI2 January and July 2020 (Inspection 2.2) were confined to publicly accessible viewpoints and therefore did not view the proposed EA1N / EA2 cable/ haul roads corridors in this part of the Aldringham R. Hundred Special Landscape Area, their close proximity to residences in Gipsy Lane or impact on the R. Hundred SLA. I ask that ExA finds a way to timertable a Site Inspection here (land owner permission is available) at the earliest opportunity.

16.2 Issue Specific Hearings:

I should like ExA to explain its reasoning for not having published at this stage an initial schedule of ISHs, as was publisherd in its earlier (pre Covid19) Rule 6 Letter published on 21 February 2020.

I am particularly concerned that Interested Parties may have a much reduced opportunity to participate in and observe discussion and debate on the the many onshore issues that



wouldserriously impact in particular the Thorpeness, Aldringham, Knodishall and Friston communities.

I request ExA to resolve to provide such a preliminary timetsable of ISHs at the 12 October 2020 Timetable Due Date and that the scope of those ISHs includes all of the PrinciN/apal Issues listed in Rule 6 Annex C.



### Annex A

To be included

- 1. Alan Bullard
- 2. Jan Bullard
- 3. Simon John Andrew Ive on behalf of Friston Parochial Church Council
- 4. Simon John Andrew Ive
- 5. Chris Wheeler
- 6. Julia Wheeler

### Note:

i. No additional submission was received by Alan Hatfield by Procedural Deadline A

ii. A submission was received by Michael Mahoney by Procedural Deadline A. It contains submissions on planning merits and has been retained for consideration and possible publication at Deadline 1.

iii. The submission dated 13 August 2020 by Jack Coe on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation in response to EA1N has been published to the National Infrastructure project page under Response to the Rule 6 Letter [AS-062]

iv. The submission dated 13 August 2020 by Shanna Jayne Paterson on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation in response to EA2 has been published to the National Infrastructure project page under Response to the Rule 6 Letter [AS-062]

# 1. Alan Bullard

Dear Sir/Madam

East Anglia One North Preliminary Meeting (16 September 2020)

I am an Interested Party in this application, and my IP number is 20023188

I have filled in the Preliminary Meeting form on your website and would now like to make the following written submission regarding the procedural issues for this meeting (I have already made a Relevant Representation).

On July 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 BEIS announced an Offshore Transmission Network Review, which stated the following:

'In the context of increasingly ambitious targets for offshore wind, constructing individual point to point connections for each offshore wind farm may not provide the most efficient approach and could become a major barrier to delivery given the considerable environmental and local impacts, particularly from the associated onshore infrastructure required to connect to the national transmission network. Offshore wind is expected to play an important role in delivering net-zero emissions by 2050, and it is right that the framework for delivering offshore transmission connections is reviewed in the context of our increased ambition.'

### In view of this,

I would simply ask that the examination process for the on-shore structures be postponed until this review has taken place.

I would also ask that National Grid, as well as Scottish Power, should be represented at all relevant hearings.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Bullard

### 2. Jan Bullard

Dear Sir/Madam

My IP Number is 20023186 I am an Interested Party in this application

I would like to make a written submission concerning the procedural issues for this meeting. (I have previously made a Relevant Representation and completed the Preliminary Meeting form on the website)

Because of the Offshore Transmission Network Review announced on 15th July 2020, I request that the examination process for these structures be postponed until after the review has taken place.

I also ask that the National Grid should be represented at all relevant hearings.

With thanks, Jan Bullard



Sent from my iPad

### **3. Simon John Andrew Ive on behalf of** Friston Parochial Church Council

From:	
То:	East Anglia ONE North; East Anglia Two
Subject:	Attachment to Preliminary Meetings Involvement Form
Date:	11 August 2020 12:37:59

## EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH OFFSHORE WINDFARM EAST ANGLIA TWO OFFSHORE WINDFARM

### PRELIMINARY MEETING: 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

I have found the Preliminary Meetings Involvement Form confusing.

Accordingly, I have prepared this separate paper regarding my procedural concerns. As long as these are noted and acknowledged, I do not wish to waste time speaking at the Meeting. However, I do wish to observe the Preliminary Meetings because I may wish to make additional written comments by Procedural Deadline C (29<sup>th</sup> September 2020).

#### **PROCEDURAL CONCERNS**

#### IMMEDIATE TIMETABLE CONGESTION

Whilst recognising the difficulties and challenges you face and efforts for flexibility, the reality is that for the majority of laypersons registered as Interested Parties, this is a 'living nightmare' and war of attrition battling the storm of paper. (So far: S6 Letter 53 pages; FAQs 23 pages and more to follow!) It is supposed to be holiday time; Covid-19 restrictions; a hugely complex DCO Application (17,000 pages) against evolving circumstances; the need to prepare for Virtual Hearings and your familiarisation events. How to brief communities? All prior to the known Timetable:

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Leaving other dates to be set for Virtual Events Familiarisation and Issue Specific Hearings and deadlines. (How many pages?)

30<sup>th</sup> September – Deadline for representations on Sizewell C DCO Application (20,000 pages). How do we fit that in?

The Preliminary Meeting(s) are all important at least to understand better the process.

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#### AGENDA AND CONDUCT OF THE PRELIMINARY MEETING

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for potential links for other connections and other NSIPs.

It is important therefore that they are required to be present at the Examination and set out precisely their aims and objectives for public understanding and appraisal.

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Cumulative impacts are at the core of my concerns for the completeness and integrity of the Examination.

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Secretary and Treasurer, Friston PCC RID Nos

## **5.** Chris Wheeler

From:	
То:	East Anglia ONE North; East Anglia Two
Subject:	Preliminary Meeting issues - PINS Refs.
Date:	12 August 2020 12:39:42

Hello EA1N and EA2 Case Teams

Following submission of my Preliminary Meeting Involvement Form I have the following initial comments on the Rule 6 procedural arrangements to be discussed at the Preliminary Meetings for the EA1N and EA2 projects:

1. Given that BEIS announced an Offshore Transmission Network Review on 15th July 2020 with a key objective of addressing the impact on coastal communities of ongoing and future wind-farm projects, and that NGESO has already started activities in its workstreams within that review with an early completion date, it cannot be correct that the Examinations for EA1N and EA2 should proceed. They should be suspended until the outcome of the Review is clear

2. It is essential that sufficient Issue Specific Hearings (ISHs) are held to cover <u>all</u> aspects of the onshore impacts of the both the Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid projects, including the allocation of Leiston/Sizewell as a Grid Connection point. It is important that National Grid representatives attend such hearings.

3. A number of issues may need to be raised with regard to the draft DCOs themselves and further ISHs may be needed to address these.

4. It is important that Site Visits take place at the most appropriate seasons and times, in particular to allow the tranquillity of the Grove Wood and surrounding locality to be properly appreciated, and to observe the lack of screening after leaf fall.

Kind regards

Chris Wheeler



## 6. Julia Wheeler

From:	
То:	East Anglia ONE North
Subject:	EA1N and EA2 Public Enquiry Postponement
Date:	12 August 2020 16:01:55

#### Procedural Issues

Bearing in mind that an Offshore Transmission Network Review was announced by BEIS on 15 July 2020 to form a coordinated view

'Public Examination' is an extremely important examination process in which the general public have both a great interest and grave concerns over the future of the Sizewell/Friston area surely it should delayed, both in relation to the above Review and the need for a face to face Public Examination.

Many of the general public are not familiar with, comfortable with or able to access Virtual Meetings and this very much limits the scope of the examination process. It is also true to say that the virtual meetings seem to have a high failure rate with systems dropping out. Therefore frustrating, distracting and again limiting.

Surely the 'Public Examination' should be postponed until it can be a real/physical Public Meeting when the review is completed and hopefully there is some sort of structured plan with regard to the wind farm and related projects.

Julia Wheeler