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Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, it does appear that we do not yet have Mrs. Jones with us who is due to be in the lead for the first part of this session. My name is Rynd Smith. And so I will briefly take control of this part of the session pending the arrival of Mrs. Jones. And I would like to welcome everybody to today's open floor hearings two for East Anglia, one North and East Anglia to offshore wind farms session two. Before we start, here are all submissions in session two, I will deal with a few preliminary matters. Can I just check with the case team that you can hear me and the recordings and live streams have started again.

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Hi, Mr. Smith, Mr. Williams, I can confirm that the live stream has started and we started the recording on this end as well.

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Thank you very much. Now as I've indicated, Mrs. Jones, my colleague will be leading the session assuming that she is able to reinstate her connection and But until that time, I will lead in her stead and then when she returns, I will hand back over to her. And so on that basis. Can I ask that my other panel member colleagues to briefly introduce themselves? And starting with Mr. Jonathan Hockley?

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Do we have Mr. Hockley.

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Good afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Smith, and apologies to everybody for that slight delay. JOHN Hockley, panel member here. Good afternoon, everyone. Now,

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if I could introduce Jessica Powis,

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yes. Good afternoon, everybody. Jessica Powis panel member and I can see that Caroline Jones has now joined us.

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Indeed she has. So if we just have a final introduction from Mr. Rigby, our other panel colleague, and then I will hand over the chair of this session to Mrs. Jones.

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Hello, good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to second pass of this peer.

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So I will surrender the chair. Mrs. Jones, you are in control.

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Thank you very much. Mr. Smith. Apologies, everybody. I had some connection issues there. My name is Caroline Jones, one of the panel members. And good afternoon and welcome everybody. We advise you in our agenda that we are being live streamed and recorded today. And the recordings that we make are retained and published. Therefore they do form a public record that can contain your personal information, and to which the general data protection regulation applies. Does anyone have any questions about the terms on which our digital recordings are made? Okay, I'm not seeing any raised hands. So I move forward on the basis that all of this is understood that Mr. Ennis, are you here with us in this session?

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May I just briefly interject, Mrs. Jones? Because we did have a hand there from Mr. Raymond gail

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Oh, yes. It's Mr. Gail.

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Mr. Gail?

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Yes. I was just checking off my I was on screen. That was all. I wasn't asked to come back.

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Okay, Mr. Gal, and are you in this session, you can just keep your camera and your mice off during the session. And then when I call you if you could just switch them back on.

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Okay.

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Thank you very much.

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If you could just put your hands down as well, Mr. Gail.

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Thank you very much. Sorry, Mr.

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Yes, corn is from Shafton Wedderburn acting on behalf of the applicants in relation to the session. Again, I'm accompanied by the same persons as introduced at the first part of the session.

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Okay, thank you very much, Mr. If I could just take this opportunity to remind you once more that the main purpose of this evening is to hear from interested parties and that you're here to listen in the main but we will give you a brief opportunity at the end to respond to any matters.

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What open floor hearings are an opportunity for individuals and community groups to speak directly to the examining authority and a lot about a particular location or topic. To reiterate, we as the examining authorities are very conscious that not everyone who has requested to be heard has been able to do so today, yesterday or tomorrow. To assist in this situation, we've confirmed at the preliminary meeting on Tuesday that we will hold further meetings at the beginning of November, and that there will be hearings held in January. But anyone who hasn't been heard in our initial series of hearings, either the ones being held this week or next month will be heard. And so turning to this afternoon's meeting, we don't appear to have everyone on the list here with us. I have Mr. Mrs. Fife. Mr. Gal, Miss humbly. And Mr. Ive Mr. Freeman and Mr. And Mrs. Fulford, is that correct? Is there anybody here who I don't have on my list? Okay, you have seen the agenda, and I intend to take the speakers in in that order. And you have also seen the speaking time guidance in the agenda as well. Please do not leave until you've had your turn as if you do. We are fully booked in the hearings this week. And we will not be able to include you in any later session. Once you have spoken, you can leave if you wish, but you are welcome to remain until the end of the session to hear any response from the applicants. I should also say that I will need to be quite strict in terms of timings this afternoon due to the number of speakers that we have, so that everyone has their opportunity to speak. So please do not be offended if I have to ask you to stop talking at the end of your allotted time. If there is more that you would like to say, then this, of course can be submitted in writing at deadline one will finally remind you that this is an opportunity for everyone here to have their say in fairness just as you would not wish to be interrupted. Please do not interrupt the other speakers. If you agree with or disagree what they say, then you can make that clear to us in your own speaking time. Or if you've already spoken that in writing a deadline one, and we will take your views into account, every speaker should be allowed the floor and their time to speak. If anybody does interrupt, then I will warn them and ask them to allow the human to continue. If the same person interrupts again, then I will warn them and be aware repeated interruptions that lead to disruption can be viewed as unreasonable behavior for which awards of costs can be sought by other interested parties. If anybody does interrupt again, following the two warnings on the third occasion, I will ask Mr. Williams to exclude them from the hearing. So that's the introductions now complete. Before I move on to the main business of session two, does anyone have a burning question of an introductory or preliminary nature that needs to be resolved? Now?

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whilst you're asking

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that question, was Jones just a brief observation that we do have? I believe it's Mr. Mrs. Green, who have made apparently a number of attempts to access the lobby and dropping out again? Can I just check whether they were indicating whether they've managed to be introduced to the event?

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is I can confirm they are in and they currently, they're currently in as attendee, but you might just want to check that the video and mic is working again.

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Yes, no, that's that's excellent. So could I could I ask them? Mr. or Mrs. Green? Are you able to just switch on your video camera and just become present in the meeting for a second?

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I panel? Yes. I don't have control of my own video, but I hope you can hear me,

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into my mobile phone.

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Okay, okay. Excellent. Are you connecting directly by mobile phone? Are you connecting via the internet?

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I mean, sorry, I'm using the data from my mobile things. My Wi Fi keeps cutting in and out. Right.

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Okay. Well, all I would emphasize is if you find yourselves being lost again and cutting out, you can actually dial in and if you go to the joining instructions, email that was sent to you, there is a conference code, and so you can forget relying on the internet completely useless.

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Thank you very much. Apologies, Mrs. Jones.

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Okay. Thank you, Mr. Smith. Will will begin agenda item for that. Just before I introduce our first speaker this afternoon, I will let you know that it is our intention to provide everybody with a clean run. You've no doubt prepared what you have to say and you don't want to be interrupted saying it. So we will listen to you carefully. And if my colleagues of mine have questions, then we will raise them at the end of your speaking time. The first speakers I have in this session are Peter and Margaret. Fine.

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Yes. Can you see me?

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I can hear you and I can see you. Thank you. Hello mystify. Just to let you know that you have seven minutes this afternoon in which to meet your points. Mr. Williams will let you know when you have One minute remaining by placing a slide on the screen, if you could just introduce yourself at the beginning of your contribution for the benefit of our our recording, that would be very helpful. Thank you.

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Hello, my name is Peter file.

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And you will only be hearing from me My wife is sitting next to me to make sure I keep according to the script, but just a start. My wife and I expressed an interest in this meeting, and said that we wanted to hear what was being said and to speak if called upon to do so. It was with some surprise that I was asked to speak, but I am nevertheless grateful for the opportunity. I do not claim any expertise in these complex planning matters, or indeed electrical matters. But I speak as one who has some common sense, and has grown to love the village and the surrounding countryside. During the 15 years that we've been peacefully living here. I have become increasingly distressed by the impending devastation that this proposed development would bring and want to add my insignificant voice to to oppose it. I'm speak on three of the matters which concerned in most will leave the technical matters to those who have qualified to do so. Firstly, then, the church. I declare an interest here as a church warden. But I'm sure my comments will be shared by many in the village with the church goes or not. The Church of Sudbury the virgin is a beautiful building standing in a slightly elevated position near the village creed. It dates back to the 14th century, although part of it is probably much older. When you think about it, one of the most notable things about the 14th century was the Black Death, which results in the death of that one third least one third of the population of Europe. This puts the covid 19 pandemic into perspective at the sofa. the placing of a huge series of transformer stations overlooking the church, let alone in sight and much of the rest of the village is commercial vandalism, the worst guide and alternative and best.

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Secondly, the environment and the view.

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If you walk from the church and Friston public footpath to the north, you will pass through fields as you go towards secmundy. It is really one of the loveliest walks you could imagine. Now more frequently used because of the COVID lockdown. You will see wildflowers of all descriptions in their season including say my wife says orchids, and if you're lucky, you will see wild animals including foxes, badgers, and even red deer. They've been mentioned before. And I'm told that this area contains the largest proportion population of India, in Britain outside Scott. If the proposed development goes ahead, on this path would be blocked by steel fencing surrounding the enormous development, which Scottish

power and National Grid have planned? Never again, would people be able to enjoy this price this immunity. Obviously, it's gone. It's got Thirdly, traffic on the roads. I know a lot more we said about this. The present time the roads in the area and narrow, often with passing places designed and sufficient to service the local population. And there's any so called improvement of these roads were destroyed much of the landscape which has developed over the centuries. In answer the question, would you like a better road system most local people who know we're content with what we have in order to cope with the huge increase in heavy traffic during the construction phase of 10 years or so, many of these narrow roads would need widening and straightening which would destroy much of the character of here. To conclude there is one point I would like to mention. Please do not please too much reliance on all the photographs and maps which scottishpower provided in support of their case. They may not be all there see. I do not suggest they've been doctored in any way. But I've lived here for many years and had difficulty identifying what is shown. They have been cleverly taken and prepared to show countryside, but the houses in the village, the grade two listed church just off picture. Thank you.

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Thank you very much Mr.

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pullins on our next speaker is Mr. This afternoon, Miss Greene, would it be helpful if we heard from you , just given that you've had some Wi Fi problems and that you're using the data on your mobile phone?

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Yeah, that's not a problem.

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Okay, my screen so you have a giant household slot of seven minutes. Mr. Williams, we'll put a screen on to let you know when you have one minute remaining. If you could just introduce yourself at the beginning of your speaking slot, that would be most helpful.

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Okay, sorry, sorry that my video doesn't seem to be working. And

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would you like, would you like us to tell you when you have one minute left?

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And yes, no, I met my camera. That's fine.

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I know. That's absolutely fine. We can hear you perfectly. Okay.

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And thank you, everybody. My name is Natasha green. And today, I will be urging the committee to reject this application. I'm very grateful for this opportunity to speak. I'm speaking today on behalf of

myself and my brother, Alexander green, who have had a very happy childhood growing up over the last 20 years and a much beloved family home, which will directly border the proposed site. We're speaking as young people, the group of people whose lives and future will be most negatively affected by this development. And this is why we want to make it known that as young people this project is not done in our name. This is not the kind of green energy that our generation wants to see it does not provide a long term, sustainable solutions to climate change. Before I start, for the record, I just want to make it known that I endorse all the submissions that Michael Marnie has made on behalf of phases and Fiona gamble on behalf of CRS. I would also like to object the holding of these hearings as virtual meetings, which I firmly did not believe allows for meaningful public engagement. Given that even as a young person, I can't seem to get my camera wagging and access proper internet. My brother and I grew up walking through the beautiful countryside that will be destroyed if this project goes ahead, walking our family dog down ancient paths from our house to Friston, enjoying lunch at the pub and playing on the swings on the village green. These happy memories have always made me hopeful that my children will one day enjoy those walks, that they will have the freedom to roam around the Suffolk countryside on their bikes. Here the owls at night and watch the deer in the field behind our family home. I want my children to go up enjoying the safe peaceful haven around our family home to learn to value the British countryside and the animals and plants within it.

Here hearing of Scottish powers plans has been devastating for my family. This development would take away the future I imagined for my children and deeply affect my family's life. The massive site would encroach on our home, it would cut us off from Friston and destroy the beautiful countryside that has given us so much joy and could give joy to future generations. for 20 years we've enjoyed this amazing landscape and suddenly it will disappear. If this project was to go ahead, the long term and short term negative impacts for the young people in this area will be huge. The massive industrial site will drive people away house prices will fall footpath connecting houses to the local community will be destroyed. Local businesses will be affected and crucially, the mental well being a future of the young people in this area will suffer. Corona Coronavirus has taught us many things over the last six months, lockdown has meant that young people have been enjoying the English countryside more than ever before. One undeniable lesson my generation have learned from this is that we must value and act to protect and preserve nature, the environment and biodiversity. Given this fact, it seems completely out of kilter with this period of nationwide reflection on the value of green space, that we've then desecrate the countryside with a hugely inappropriate and out of place project such as this one.

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This project and the way it has been conducted has left us with so many questions. Why is the development not happening on a brownfield site? Why is it happening in a medieval village where so many people live? Why is it happening in the middle of the beautiful countryside? And these are questions that nobody seems to have an answer for. Building on this site destroys by diversity it concrete over countryside. It cuts down trees and it will destroy the local community. This is not sustainable green energy. This is dirty green energy. We do not deny that climate change is the most pressing issue of our time quite the opposite. It is our generation that otherwise One's driving change for the better for our children and our grandchildren. But dealing with climate change and enacting effective green policy are two very different things. We welcome the government's commitment to green energy and offshore wind farms but firmly believe that this must be done properly. We need

proper government oversight and coordination to ensure that green energy, which should be a positive endeavor is not turned dirty. We must not be left with further environmental issues and damage because of ill thought out government policies and procedures and an inability to create a joint approach across the country and the energy sector. Why create an industrial site in the middle of pristine Suffolk countryside when there is no absolutely no need? When technological advances and brownfield sites offer viable alternatives. This project and this choice of site creates more environmental problems in the name of renewable energy. And I would argue that the green angle of this project is being used as an excuse for lack of proper thought to how to create a truly environmentally friendly green energy project. When you think about bringing offshore energy onshore, by creating an industrial site in the middle of a medieval village community in the heart of the Suffolk countryside, I just don't know how you can argue otherwise.

It is our firm belief that we need a holistic approach to green energy that preserves our English countryside, our English Heritage for the next generation and the generation after my generation wants to see green energy landing on brownfield sites that doesn't destroy local habitat. My generation wants to see green energy that is green from root to brown. And this project is not it is dirty green energy. And ultimately, it will be my generation and our children and grandchildren who will have to deal with the consequences of this, ill thought out green energy projects. So I urge you to listen to us. It's important that we look behind beyond the headlines of this project, the wind turbines and remember why we're doing this, we want to create sustainable green energy, we want to create clean jobs and reduce greenhouse emissions. The Prime Minister's commitment to become a world leader in clean wind energy provides us with an opportunity to get this right to conduct a project with the nation we'd be proud of not one that we will regret. And it is blindingly obvious that future generations will look back on this project as a mistake. A mistake has long lasting negative effects on the environment young people will be left with. Therefore, I urge you to reject this application and allow my children and my grandchildren to enjoy the same beautiful, pristine countryside that I've grown up in, instead of leaving our generation and future generations with an even bigger mess to clean up. Thank you very much.

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Thank you very much, Miss Miss green. And just before you you leave us, we gave you and your brother, a household slot this afternoon, just so that we could try and hear from as many people as possible. What we would like to do is give those people who did individually request a slot priority at our January open floor hearings. Would you and your brothers still like to have your individual slots in January?

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I think I think are my Yeah, I think we'd like to at least have maybe one extra slot. I think what, obviously because of Coronavirus. We can't be together. So I had to speak on our behalf. So we would definitely welcome slots in January as well. Thank you.

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Absolutely no problem. And I am aware that you are using your mobile data. So there is no need for you to stay to hurry up anymore. You can watch the live stream if your internet is working. If not, we are



recording and we will put the recording of this hearing on in the next few days on our website. Thank you very much. Thank you. Okay, the next person that I have on my list is Mr. Martin Freeman.

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Hello, everybody.

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Hello, Mr. Freeman. I can see and hear you that. Mr. Freeman, you have five minutes this afternoon. And Mr. Williams will give you a one minute reminder. Sorry, when you have one minute left, if you could just introduce yourself when you begin to speak. That'd be great. Thanks.

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Yeah, no problem. Yeah, my name's Martin Freeman. I'm a sizeable resident and live on the sidewalk gap road. Yeah, so I object to this planning going through. We've listened to all the detail reasons why it shouldn't go through so I shan't go into too much detail but Michael read what was What my thoughts National Grid being a private company, and only interested in the cost of them choose their grid connection points in the interest of the shareholders with no environmental, ecological or human impact considered. Their original plan was to connect elsewhere. That cost has changed their mind with all the known projects and unknown projects waiting in the wind to collect it Friston. throughout this whole process, as far as I'm aware, nobody has been able to contact national grid and discuss their chosen grid connection points, or EA one north and EA two. So then it's less left to SPR to work out a cable route to those connection points. SPR from the beginning of the consultation period, and their roadshows fail to show a realistic description of the devastation the cable routes and substations caused to our environment. The roadshow that I went to didn't show a single picture of any of the cable trenches before or after work was completed. If they could do a good job, surely they would have shown before and after pictures. Instead, all they had is pictures of nature, making it look like nothing was going to be damaged. And anything that anyone was concerned about mitigation would cover it. And that is still the word I hear and mitigation, but there's no meat on the bone on how they're going to do it. For me, I live on sides we've got road, footpaths, bridleways are going to be closed. We work compounds, cable trenches, either side of our house, some bridleways and footpaths will be diverted. I am my partner uses driveways and footpaths every day for walking or riding, as many others do. Are these bridleway diversions going to be safe for horse riders and walkers? Again, no meat on the bones SPR tell me no problem in using size or gap road for their construction traffic size. We'll see when construction starts when we're using this road. This is not what cycle c have told us. Up to three years after construction has started. Will the relief road be ready for use as relocated facilities for size will be four years, four years and a half and fact of construction traffic using size or gambro. If planning consent is given t EA one north and EA two. This will be the first devastation Domino to fall with many others to follow. And by rejecting their planning application. This could be the first step in getting a grid ring name and of the starting blocks and being installed for future projects saving the environment and parts of the country side from unrepairable damage and in the long run huge financial savings to the government on future problems. Okay. That's me. Thank you very much.

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Thank you very much Mr. Freeman.

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Okay, next on my list, we have Nicola and Simon Fulford. Hello Hello, Mr. Fulford, can you hear me? Yes, I can hear you and see you. Thank you very much. Mr. Buffett, you have a household slot this afternoon, which means you have seven minutes in which to make your points and we will give you a reminder when you have one minute Remaining Remaining and if I could just ask you to introduce yourself when you begin to talk. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. Good afternoon. My name is Mr. Simon Fulford and I'm speaking to you on behalf of myself and my wife. I've had an association with Salford since 1958. And a direct connection in particular with Friston house and Friston since 1979. It is where we live grade two listed building. We have both listened to the representations made previously on the seventh of October yesterday and earlier today, which have covered in great detail many of the issues we endorse wholeheartedly. I think it is extraordinary the depth of inquiry and rigor with which members of the public have looked at this application on every front. By contrast, the total lack of detailed and area specific investigation by the applicant is glaring. The word mitigation appears over and over again. Yet the proposed destruction of countryside and all that implies is irreversible. These assets will not be replaced or recover. But now I'd like to speak briefly on the specifics regarding Friston village and Friston house in particular Points I'd like to make are as follows the impact of noise pollution on Friston house and Friston residence, the future expansion of this site to accommodate more infrastructure, and lastly the behavior of the applicant toward stakeholders in Friston and its residents. The location of Friston house is situated on the opposite side of the valley to the west of the proposed substation sites, both of which are elevated, the property is directly exposed in respect of noise and light pollution. The applicant is present plans and mitigation for both noise and visual impact as zero to the west of this site, other than long grass. Noise pollution is widely ignored and undervalued in society regarding its harmful effects on the general environment. And the well being of population that it affects possibly because unlike visual impacts, unless directly experienced is of little concern. The noise and Friston will have no bearing on people in obrah, for instance. And in the same vein as that I expect you will hear very few representations regarding the noise pollution experienced in the North Sea. Because the environment out there has few voices to represent it. I hope I'm wrong about that. It is no secret that wind farms or anything but quiet. We are responsible for the few wildernesses that still exist. Yet the UK is feverish really gobbling up the North Sea as some kind of free for all. The light pollution out there is a whole other issue, which in my view is a tragedy. As I mentioned just now I sincerely hope that marine preservation groups will address this.

Regarding noise unsure, I have attempted to digest as a layperson, the extensive terms of information on the subject published by the World Health Organization, or who the who documents deal with global issues and although it recognizes the differences in noise sources, and in particular continuous noise, it inevitably doesn't address specific issues such as substations, and the noise that they emit, in close proximity to habitation. It tackles the large issues of air, road and rail noise for instance, at length. It will be shown in detail in other representations during this hearing, that the value of Friston is exceptionally and extraordinarily quiet at night in particular. And for that reason, the levels of sound proposed by the applicant will be very apparent and life changing for those who live in the vicinity. The very fact that

there is such an extraordinary level of quiet at night in the forest and simply exasperates this site selection does it matter far beyond the anointed human habitation. It is a precious and fragile environmental asset, this region, which will be lost indefinitely. Over the course of many months of so called consultation, the representatives of this applicant publicly insisted that noise would not be an issue for the residents of Friston. Yet an unguarded moment we were rather flippantly advised that we will require double glazing.

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Not only is that not possible at Preston house in misunderstands the simple concept that as recognized by the World Health Organization, a window open at night is a reasonable expectation for well being and health and just a good night's sleep. A present the applicant is applying to emit a level of noise barely below the maximum allowed in an urban setting where other mitigating noise inevitably mask individual emissions of continuous noise pollution. Indeed, the who recognizes that there are instances where locations of extreme quiet serve only to complicate a developer's duty of care to the environment in question, since the presence of silence highlights rather than mitigates the nuisance proposed. It is my understanding the applicant intends to recognize only two of the five nearest receptors to the site regarding noise pollution or nuisance to the extent that it is actively applying to exclude others. Princeton house will therefore be excluded. Although the proximity of the house to the site varies by only a matter of meters.

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beyond immediate concern of the noise pollution directly on the house, both the curtilage of the house and the village of person will also be detrimentally affected by the noise the extraordinary long construction period It's involved. I'm going to skip to my end. This is my opinion that is unreasonable to examine this application and even unfair without the full extent to the extent of the national grid to be laid bare at this time. Understand the Inspectorate will look at this element of the application, we all look forward to witnessing and hearing the outcome of these inquiries. Overall, I object entirely to this application and I particularly object to the behavior of scottishpower their consultation period and the way they have treated the individuals interested in particular.

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Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Fulford. Mrs. Powis, would you like to come in?

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Yes, thank you very much. I just wanted to thank you for your submissions, Mr. Fulford. And just to mention that we do have our first issue specific hearing number one on the first of December, which is on the topic of biodiversity. And you mentioned about the offshore biodiversity and who is speaking up for those interests. And we certainly will be inviting natural England who is our statutory nature

conservation body, and marine management organization, as well as others who represent those interests offshore that here will cover both onshore and offshore biodiversity matters. So I hope you can see that that is going to form a core part of our examination. You

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Thank you very much.

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Next on my list this afternoon, I have Mr. Raymond Gall.

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Hello, can you hear me?

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Yes, I can hear you and see you. I'm good to go. You've got five minutes to speak this afternoon. And again, Mr. Williams will put a slide on reminding you when you have one minute remaining. If you could just introduce yourself at the beginning as well for our recording.

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Okay.

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Ready when you are?

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Hi, my name is Raymond Gall I'm a resident of Friston.

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It was a dream many years ago to move here.

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And four years ago, we actually did it.

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And now we got this for the last two years. It's all people have talked about. We found a lovely place to live a village as quiet peaceful, lovely walks. We can get to everywhere quite easily where we want to go. We've got a lovely pub, we've got lovely people we go for lots of walk around the village and talk to lots of nice people. Why do we have to put up with this? We have we come from a place that was stressful. This is gonna be a drawing till we die.

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It's a nice take on it.

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We actually love it here. This was going to be our place. Alright go too much on about that because other people have set up all about it. The roads, Friday street junction. People who use it on a regular basis know how to use it. Every time you go there. You dread people who don't know what they're doing. They sit there don't go across go across when they shouldn't. Is accident waiting to happen every time and when these lorries turning down there.

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It will be an accident waiting to happen again.

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You go down the road a bit further. It gets so narrow. If you make a tractor you it's a one mile an hour passing beer, not the lorries it will be dreadful. The cyclists go along the road, get lots of them every day. There's no there's only certain places you can get past them. And we're expected now to have a lorry going either way every every minute during the day. It's not feasible, there will be accidents. When I went to the meeting, and asked about where the road was going, no bruh they said that the gentleman said while we're taking it down this road Blaisdon road. I asked him Have you ever been there? He said no. I just looked at it on we look at it on the map. I said the bus struggles to get through. But time because cars are parked either side and you're expected to send lorries down there all the time. His answer will make it no parking. I said where the people live. They're going to Parag. He said, That's not my problem. Who does make it no parking? lorries take priority? What sort of answers there?

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And then

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when they asked about the route, the route that the lorries will take, all the lorries are going to go one way or the works traffic will go one way. Half hour later, I heard him oversized somebody else. We have no control over vans or private cars, they can go whichever way they like. So we'll through Friston, we could be a rat run all day.

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That is not acceptable.

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We have Fred when we could have friends and relatives there.

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They come in ask, Well, these banners against the sub sort of sub station, we have to explain every time that the substation and they say we're going to go in and we show them and they laugh. They say you're joking. It's not going here. How can I be right? Even laser locate and say, This is not right. We've got the church there is How can you do this sort of thing. They laugh that they they virtually laugh and say how can scottishpower do it? There is one thing you can be sure of though. You cannot trust anything scottishpower say they leave everything for the last minute. read their documents carefully. You will find mistakes. Everybody found mistakes. That is that is the way they operate. I'm afraid.

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That is what I got to say. Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Gal.

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Okay, next on the speaking list. I have Victoria Hambley.

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Yes, I'm here.

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Hello, Miss Hambley.

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I can hear and see you there. Somebody you have five minutes this afternoon, which to make your points and again we will put a slide on the screen when you have one minute remaining. And if I could just ask you to introduce yourself at the beginning. When you speak, that would be great. Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Hello, my name is Victoria Hanbley. I live in Snape which is the village right next door to Friston. Now there are many reasons why these applications should be turned down. But I want to wait one point about the consultations that informed them and which I feel were very misleading. As far as the general public were concerned, the SPR consultations were about their projects EA one and and EA two plus a provision for a national grid substation to connect them to the grid. And as far as we were concerned that that was it. But at the end of 2018 National Grid ventures presented proposals for that interconnect to projects Nautilus and euro link. And these made clear that they intended to follow as closely as possible the SPR route from landfall until the connect to the National Grid station at Friston. SPR were very reluctant to acknowledge this during the stage for consultations. As a meeting in snake village, I still were repeatedly pressed to explain why they were not including the National Grid venture projects in their cumulative impact assessment implies that they didn't have to do that national grid ventures plans were not sufficiently developed. And yet we all had a copy of the National Grid venture presentation, which clearly showed the intended route. So these national grid venture projects should I believe have been included in the required comprehensive assessment of cumulative effects in the SPR application as it as indeed should EDF sys will see nuclear power station. They haven't done this in any meaningful way. We now know that national grid have offered connection points at Friston to the greater gangboard and galloper extensions, and to interconnector projects SCD one and SCD, two making a project in all and that's not just supposition, the National Grid have confirmed their intent in various posts. Any suffer council meeting at the beginning of this year concluded that this illustrates that

the National Grid substation proposed within the SPR applications is being seen by National Grid as a strategic connection point for future projects without the potential impacts being fully communicatively assessed and without any of this future development being considered within the existing master plan for the site.

So the SPR applications are in effect, a Trojan horse for future infrastructure that will cover over 100 acres of our rural countryside require our AONB to be dug up multiple times for cable trenches from landfall to substations, 10 kilometers away, and all without any public consultation. So here we are at the beginning of an examination, supposedly to look at two infrastructure projects, when in fact, we actually know that there are eight. We're told that each developer has to make their own application for each project. But if that is the case, then National Grid should have to put in a separate application to build its own connector station, rather than slipping into the SPR applications. Because if these SPR applications are approved, it would mean that all our objections about the devastation these projects would cause will have been completely disregarded. At which point it's hard to see how any future applications can be turned down. If consent can be given to what is being proposed to Kristen, and to our area and be an area that is supposed to be protected, then Nowhere is safe. At the most galling thing will is that we're in the situation because of sprs and national grids past mistakes, spr for its arbitrary and sudden decision to downgrade and abandon the board seat of Branford route already permitted for EA one n and which had the capacity to carry EA two without considering the wider implications and national grids for allowing them to do this. And also for failing to get to grips with the growing need for offshore connectivity with the results that we are 10 years behind our European neighbors. Please don't let our communities be the ones that paid the price. There are alternatives. Thank you.

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Caroline, you currently muted to unmute yourself.

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Thank you, sir William's apologies. Okay, we're gonna move on to our final speaker in session two this afternoon. And that is Mr. Simon, I've

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can you hear me and Can you see me?

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I can hear you and I can see you, Mr. Ive. Good afternoon. Mr. Mr. Ive, you have five minutes to make your points this afternoon and Mr. Williams. Again, we'll give you a reminder with a slide when you have one minute remaining. If I could just ask you to introduce yourself when you begin to speak.

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Good afternoon.

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Ladies and gentlemen. My name is Simon Ive, my wife and I have been visiting 30 years. And I am also secretary and Treasurer Kristen cherts. About what you have heard much. In actual fact, what I want to concentrate on is two particular Sue's, which is the impacts on the local economy. And also an area which hasn't been very, perhaps covered in these so far is the threat to the social fabric of the area. And I have to say, what is impacted by a sense of alienation, and betrayal, quite frankly, listening to what's being said so far, and you're probably getting a bit tired of it is this is not an argument against renewable energy that is in the North Sea. It's not an argument against infrastructure investment, jobs in lower stuff, Great Yarmouth, and along the west coast. What it seems to be all about in this case is connectivity. And what is coming down the track. Now, I've made this the National Grid Axis of Evil that threatens to me was that as a result of all that's coming down the track that size will morphed into least least and more center ordering them more send to Nadia Shoal and more into piston. And this arises from the fact that there's this web of cable entry points along a Fairchild coast. That leads to cable Commodores criss crossing across the the area, consolidated construction sites, interconnectors and something that's not been mentioned before, arguably. And it seems to be in the news storage facilities, internet and energy. This is a very small area sketches from Snape over in South up to science Well, in the north, you put all that down, you're almost taking out the whole of what is leftover of this small stretch, which has so much to offer. The area is the embodiment actually, green England gets lower landscapes, the seascapes they offer peace and tranquility, they offer outdoor, active recreational activities, all three, it remains a source of inspiration. It's also and I have in front of me, the guidance for National Planning, National Planning policy framework for promoting healthy and safe communities. That means well being, and they lay it out quite clearly. But also what is in there is guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities. Now, what we have here in this area are valued facilities. They meet a most vital human need. You will have heard earlier about the economic benefit of the visitor economy and tourism, I don't wish to go on to that they are a manifestation of meeting a human need. We have creeping urbanization coming up the East Coast, partly because of the success of the Suffolk economy. And there's other areas. But what it really means is that people want to come here to escape from urbanization, it gives them freedom, it gives them room to bleed. And that is the same reason why people want to come and live here. That is the reason why we came here. So I've only got a minute remaining. What is important is that the people coming here, don't just invest in the area, but they also contribute to its social fabric, they provide its social background, they bring their, their retirees, this is not God's waiting room. They provide the support and volunteer, they provide the backbone of town and parish councils, the various preservation societies, the cultural well being, and this is all placed at risk. And the sense of alienation comes from that all the stuff that suddenly appeared only in the last two years, how's that happened?

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It's, these things don't happen overnight. So there's a an element of distrust this sense of alienation, because we find here in this area of the countryside, that our destiny is being taken away from us, the decision making is being taken elsewhere in remote places, by people who have no understanding of feeling for the area, and just you to conclude your planets. So the point is that arising from that alienation, we become the Spirit and the spirit has already been taken out of system, because we worry about what is happening to us. And that in turn, makes us which you feel betrayed about what we're trying to do what we're trying to put back into the local economy to sustain it and to preserve it for as a



legacy for future generations. I'm sorry for both of them but I feel as you can quite gather quite passionate about it all.

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That's quite alright Mr. Ive, if there were any points that you did wish to raise which you didn't feel that you had the chance to this afternoon then do put them in writing it deadline one for us.

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Thank you for your interest. I

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have now reached the end of the listed speakers under agenda items for I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to everybody for all your valuable contributions, and the panel's will consider these very carefully. I'm now going to move on to agenda item five, which is for the applicants if the applicants would like to make any contributions Afternoon. Mr. Ennis , are you there?

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Yes, yes, good afternoon, again ,on behalf the applicants. I'll be brief, again to thank all those who for taking the time to make presentations this afternoon, certainly in terms of issues, radius and points made slightly different some from some of the ones made last night and again, have raised additional issues, which will obviously be taken forward in the examination process. Again, I do not think, a five minute response to really do justice to our response. And we will respond to the appropriate time and examination to the matters that have been raised. Not Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Mr. Ennis, to any of the other speakers tonight. I would just like to say that if the Africans raised anything there that you think is wrong or disagree with and you can please respond to us in writing by deadline one. I'm now going to hand over to Mr. Smith, who will deal with the final matters this evening.

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Thank you very much, Mrs. Jones. Now we're moving on in the agenda. For those of you who are following it to agenda item six, the review of issues and actions arising, this is something that we do routinely at the end of every single hearing just to make sure that if there are general matters that emerge from submissions that need work done on them. And typically, that is work that is done by the applicants, and that we don't pass to the end of the hearing without making those clear. Now that I'll distinguish between individual requests that we made to the range of speakers throughout this afternoon sessions, where we ask people just popping their deadline one written submission or confirmation of a document or a particular point. And that those matters are very much for the individuals concerned, we won't be following that those up on the formal Action List. But in relation to formal actions, I have to know both for the applicant. And the first relates to the number of references made by various speakers to East Anglia, one of these ganglia three projects, having prepared shared cable ducting, and as a consequence, reduced construction impact. And so again, we would like the applicant to confirm the approach that was actually taken there in terms of the construction of that cable

route. If a shared approach was taken to, again, address the question of whether or not a similar shared construction route could be employed with these applications in front of us, then a second point for the applicant. And, again, there have been many references this afternoon to multiple project connections, Friston. And there are a range of issues that do arise from those that are, I would hasten to add, we will need to investigate up considerably greater detail once we move through to issue specific hearing number two in these examinations, which will amongst other things be dealing with questions around siting and good design. And, however, there's one very particular matter, and that I will flag now, which relates to the extent of compulsory acquisition, because to the degree that it's being suggested that there are a significant number of additional projects seeking connection Now, first of all, have been in principle granted connection offers by national grid. And I think it is very important that we understand a little more about the extent of the land and rights sort of Friston by these applicants. Because in terms of compulsory acquisition, it is necessary for these applicants to be clear that the extent of the land that they seek is justified by the need that arises from their particular proposed developments. Now at the moment, and we see what we see, we've read what we've read in terms of the the justifications that have been advanced by the applicants and the applicants case for compulsory acquisition, but we would ask the applicants to review their material and by deadline one, two, and

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draw to our attention and

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how they justify essentially their compulsory acquisition case, having regard to the fact that seems that there is potential for quite significant additional utilization of connection facility that will be created. So those are two action points arising for the applicant. And we will be publishing Action Lists arising out of this full set of open floor hearings, open floor hearings, one two and three. And by the end of the following week, we commencing the 12th of October. Now, moving them on from agenda item six to the final Agenda Item. Seven next steps. This of course, was the second pair of open floor hearings, open floor hearings to and recommends to the notice for hearings will identify that we have time reserved for open floor hearings to a tonight in only an hour's time at 6pm. Now that was a reserve hearing a place to adjourn business from this hearing, if it had for technical reasons not proceeded or had been disrupted, and we needed to hear people who heard hoped to be heard today. Now having reached this point in the agenda, we can be very clear that that disruption did not happen. And so open floor hearings to a will not be needed. And so I'm announcing therefore there will be canceled and as soon as we possibly can. Case team will ensure that notice of cancellation for that reserve hearing slot appears on the national infrastructure planning website. As a reminder to everybody who's listening on live stream that open floor hearings three will proceed tomorrow with the arrangements conference at 9:20am. And the formal hearing starting at 10am. interested parties do to speak at open floor hearings three can see the agendas on the national infrastructure planning website, and either have received or will shortly receive the joining instructions, emails. Now if you are watching today, and you did request to be heard in one of these first open floor hearings, one two or three, but we're not invited to speak a reminder, we are in the process of setting up and to further open floor hearings rounds four and five in early November. And when we issue rule a letter early next week, setting out our confirmed examinations, timetables, you will see those additional hearing slots appearing there. And anybody who asked for Early Hearing will be prioritized for a speaking slot there. And, and as I also indicated at the

beginning of this hearing, and we do have another deadline for requests to be heard for open floor hearings coming up a deadline one. And if people wish to put in further requests at that point, they can do so. And we will particularly urge the people who have particular difficulty using digital equipment who are seeking special arrangements should actually explain to us the special arrangements that they seek at that point. Moving back to today, though, I would very much like to thank all of the speakers for their contributions and assure you that everything said today is going to be very carefully considered. And we will to a degree be following up a number of the leads a number of the issues that have been raised. And in our subsequent examination processes that can include by writing through the issue of examination questions, or they can be brought up through other hearing processes, including issue specific hearings or compulsory acquisition hearings. I would like to thank the case team also for supporting these hearings today. And so unless there's anything else that anyone wants to raise, and I'm going to look around the virtual room now carefully to see if I see any yellow hands or indeed real hands rising or cameras being switched on, then I will now save the time about to close this open floor hearings number two. Before I do though, I will just ask all of my panel member colleagues to come briefly under camera and we will all say our goodbyes to you and thank you very much. So it's goodbye from me.

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Good evening, everyone.

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Thank you very much. Good evening.