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To: <u>East Anglia ONE North; East Anglia Two</u>

Subject: My representation ref: 20023337 and 3338

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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Attached is my representation regarding the windfarms EA1North and EA2. It is more than 1500 words but the main points are clearly set out,

yours sincerely,

Michael Laschet



Representation by Michael Laschet re Concerns of the Effects of Wind Farms including East Anglia1North and East Anglia2 on the Parish of Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell

I P Reference: 20023337/8

First there is the Lack of Coordination of the Multiple Projects coming to our Coast,

Secondly, their Impact on the local Inhabitants, Thirdly, the Harm done to the Wildlife on the Littoral and its Waters.

1. The Prime Minister has announced plans to make the UK fully reliant on wind power by 2030. It is crucial that we do it right. Currently we are not. Driving a 9 kilometer long 64 meter wide cable corridor with haul roads from Thorpeness to Friston via Aldringham will set a precedent for all the piecemeal future projects destined for our coast.

Disruption will be continuous for up to 15 years. No serious attempt has been made to find an alternative route. The 'Heritage Coast' will be replaced by the 'Energy Coast'. The shore and hinterland of this part of the Suffolk coast will be overwhelmed by wind farm and nuclear projects. A radical policy of co-ordination is essential if permanent blight is to be avoided.

- 2. The cable route will pass close to Aldringham Court Residential Home and be within 20 meters of several houses bordering the adjacent Fitches Lane. The 24 hour noise and air and light pollution from construction will be insufferable. Woodland and hedgerows will be ripped out for access to various depots and works. This nature-rich undisturbed countryside close to the coast is most important for the mental health and well being of those living here and the many visitors who enjoy holidays in this area. Travel for local people will be difficult and dangerous because of the large number of HGVs on the narrow roads with randomly parked service vehicles. Traffic congestion will be unavoidable due to the inadequate infrastructure. The resulting stress will deleteriously affect the quality of life of many of the local inhabitants and holidaymakers.
- 3. The crumbling cliffs and vulnerable seabed of the Suffolk littoral will be damaged by the cables making landfall from the wind farms. Sand martins nest in the cliffs at Thorpeness. According to The Suffolk Naturalist Society's observations 4-500 pairs of kittiwakes have been counted in winter and 200 pairs in summer passing the same cliffs for nesting and migration. They also colonise the derelict rig at Sizewell. The colonies at Sizewell and Lowestoft are the only ones that breed in Suffolk. They will all be seriously disrupted by the arrival separately of multiple cables drilling into the friable

cliffs.

As windfarms are anchored in shallow waters like those at Dogger Bank, which are sources of sandeels the seabirds staple diet, they will compete with the Kittiwakes, Red-Throated Divers, Common and Little Terns and Harbour Porpoises for the sandeels which are also depleted by intensive fishing. The results of interference on land and sea will be catastrophic for seabird and marine life much of it already in decline.

the ex-head of Ofgem, maintains that with so many separate connections bringing by 2030 40 Gigawatts ashore the system will be inefficient and destructive of the coastline. The Modular Offshore Grid integrating the sources of energy is estimated by the Electrical System Operator (now independent of the National Grid) to save consumers 6 billion pounds by 2050 and protect the environment as well. Undersea cables linking brownfield sites on the Suffolk coast with others on the Thames estuary could convey all the energy from the North Sea without so seriously damaging the pristine Sandlings area. Our planet is suffering from short-sighted policies which always choose the cheaper option. A holistic approach is essential in this case.

