

Written representation for EA1 20023262 and EA2 20023263

I have very serious concerns regarding the proposed onshore substations for the above wind farms. I fully support the development of wind farms and green energy but the sub stations should be either offshore or on brown field sites and not damage AONB's and SSI's, or rural agricultural land.

Firstly the proposed site at Friston is far too close to a tranquil and peaceful village and secondly it is ill chosen because of the impacts that it will have on Friston and the surrounding villages, for the following reasons :-

Flooding.

Friston has a serious problem with flooding and the proposed solutions to this by SPR are not adequate and it is likely that many homes could be affected by serious flooding.

Footpaths.

The footpaths to the north of the village will effectively cease to exist. These are the only footpaths in the village that are not directly affected by agriculture and provide the best circular walks from the village. Even if they are diverted both temporarily and permanently no one will want to walk next to a substation. People living in the village will have to get in their cars to take their dogs for a walk.

Economic damage to the area.

Tourism will suffer badly, in the village and surrounding towns and villages that all rely on tourism to keep the local economy afloat. The social fabric of the village will suffer as tourists and people moving to the area will stop moving here.

Traffic and safety.

The local roads are mainly single track, there are few pavements and they are totally unsuitable for volume or large vehicles. They are regularly blocked by large agricultural vehicles.

Noise and pollution.

Both will be unacceptable in such a quiet and peaceful village.

Affect on wildlife.

Areas of woodland and hedges are to be destroyed, leading to loss of habitat.

Effect on health.

Local residents are quite frankly exhausted by all of this, not just the process of the planning appeal but all the meetings and representations that have taken place over the past few years and are blighting our lives. Most people in Friston have moved here to retire and have a peaceful end to our lives in a quiet and peaceful rural idyll. We are now faced with years of disruption, noise, light pollution and great inconvenience.

Our houses, which for most of us are all we have left financially are losing value and will be impossible to sell in the future when this work commences. How will we finance our ongoing care needs?

As already mentioned, it is not just this project but all the other seven projects that EDF and The National Grid have proposed for this area and which this project will open the door to; setting a precedent for Friston to be an area for substations as it will already have become industrialised.

This worry is having an adverse effect on our physical and mental health causing untold stress over a considerable period of time and for many years to come, in fact for the rest of most of our lives.

Ultimately we do not know what the effects of the electro magnetic field will have on us and particularly those of us, who have pacemakers or IUD's. Yet more stress.

There are too many energy projects being considered for this area at the same time with no joined up planning. This will lead to years of disruption for residents and destruction of the local economy. Swathes of the beautiful Suffolk countryside and the Heritage coast will be dug up to enable these projects and the area will be industrialised. The volume of traffic will be intolerable leading to more pollution. The local residents health will suffer both physical and mental.

In addition there are more suitable local sites that have not been considered such as the old Leiston Airfield which has an industrial past and still retains some runways.

I fully support the representation from SASES who speak for everyone who lives in this beautiful area; also our MP Dr Therese Coffey and the organisations SEAS and SOS.

The proposals must be included in the BEIS Offshore Transmission Network review and NGENSO's Offshore Co-ordination Project.

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