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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a letter in support of both East Anglia One North, and East Anglia Two windfarms.

Suffolk Chamber of Commerce supports the application and the proposals represent a unique opportunity to aid the UK's green recovery from COVID-19, secure our future energy supply, and most importantly, help meet net-zero targets by 2050.

We hope you find the attached useful and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [andy@suffolkchamber.co.uk](mailto:andy@suffolkchamber.co.uk)

Kind regards,  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

### ***Support of East Anglia One North & East Anglia Two***

Suffolk Chamber of Commerce is the leading business organisation in the county of Suffolk representing over 1,100 businesses of all shapes and sizes from a range of sectors across our county. As outlined in our new manifesto, and as our membership reiterates, climate change is one of the most important issues of our time. As a result, we write to you today to support Scottish Power's plans for two offshore windfarms, East Anglia One North, and East Anglia Two.

Below we have grouped together some comments which we hope you will take into account when examining the application.

### **Net-zero and energy security**

Both of these windfarms are absolutely vital if the UK is to achieve the net-zero target by 2050 and move away from traditional forms of electricity generation in gas and coal. Not only this, but with a new nuclear power station planned on the coast of Suffolk at Sizewell, it is imperative that the UK continues to diversify its energy mix by approving windfarms which are one of, if not, the cleanest form of energy generation.

Of course, approval of East Anglia One North, and East Anglia Two would also help secure the UK's future energy supply, reducing our demand on imported foreign oil and gas which accounts for a large proportion of our current energy usage. Moreover, the two windfarms would secure enough energy for up to 1.4 million households, an opportunity not to be overlooked.

If the UK is serious about securing our future energy needs and meeting net-zero targets by 2050, then approval of East Anglia One North, and East Anglia Two is vital.

### **Investment and COVID recovery**

COVID-19 has had an unprecedented impact on the UK economy, and in order to aid recovery and job creation, the UK Government, and Planning Inspectorate should approve the two windfarms which would provide a significant investment into our local economy. The benefits of the project would be felt far and wide with the

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creation of direct jobs on site and indirect jobs especially for those businesses directly involved in the supply-chain.

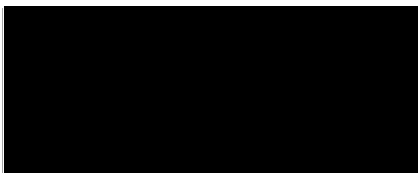
The offshore wind sector has proven to be a key economic driver in the East of England, especially around Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft where a number of businesses have based themselves in order to help with the commissioning, building, and maintenance of offshore wind. Not only this, but East Coast College in Lowestoft, and a number of businesses based in the area are directly involved in the upskilling, training and qualification of individuals to work on offshore wind farms, most noticeably those leaving further/higher education. A recent survey by Suffolk Chamber of Commerce found that approximately 33% of businesses may make 1-5 members of staff redundant as a result of COVID-19. At a time when young people are most likely to be on Universal Credit or made unemployed because of COVID-19, approval of offshore wind projects would have a major boost on our local economy and help our young people continue their career paths and training in order to work in the offshore wind/renewables sectors.

Just as an example, East Anglia One and the 102 turbines, created 3000 jobs in construction and will provide operation and maintenance jobs for up to 30 years, this represents great value for money and demonstrates the major impact this can have on local jobs and career opportunities.

Finally, Norfolk and Suffolk are key contributors to the UK Treasury, and across our region we have a shared strategy for economic growth and investment, as part of this, clean energy is one of the three key pillars of our Local Industrial Strategy (endorsed by Government), and the importance of offshore wind is recognised not only in our local government structures, but also within our businesses and local communities. Therefore, approval of East Anglia One North & East Anglia Two would help us achieve economic growth and aid the UK's green recovery which is going to be more important than ever as we work our way out of COVID-19 and towards a net-zero UK.

We hope you find the above comments useful, and we hope you will approve the project at the first possible opportunity.

Yours faithfully,



John Dugmore  
Chief Executive of Suffolk Chamber of Commerce