

I would first like to say that I fully support the development of renewable sources of energy, including wind but not at any cost.

I am strongly opposed to the proposed site north of Friston village for three substations (2 Scottish Power Renewables and 1 National Grid and possibly others in the future) which would feed electricity produced in the planned EA1N and EA2 windfarms into the overhead cables running from Sizewell to Bramford in Essex.

In my opinion the proposed substations should be sited at sea and a ring main should be developed to make sure the electricity produced can be transported to where it is needed without damaging the natural environment onshore. National Grid and the Crown Estates need to work further on their report on the development of a ring main.

This would avoid not only the destruction of farmland which the proposed site north of Friston would entail but also the hugely disruptive process of digging a trench 50 metres wide for cables from the proposed landfall site between the fragile cliffs at Thorpeness and Sizewell seven kilometres inland to Friston with all the negative impacts for the villages of Leiston, Aldringham, Coldfair Green, Friston and Knodishall. If it is not possible to develop a ring main at sea then a suitable brownfield or industrial site needs to be found for the substations.

My belief is that the 30-acre site proposed for the windfarm substations in Friston and the associated infrastructure and new access roads required would have a major negative impact (wildlife, noise, light pollution, visual and traffic) on the whole area, and not only during the period of construction.

The cumulative effect of numerous major energy projects (Sizewell C, East Anglia windfarms as well as the Nautilus and Eurolink intercontinental connectors and others which may piggy back off the Scottish Power application) will radically change this rural area which largely depends on its appeal to tourists. Any decision on this matter needs to await the results of the BEIS review on the cumulative impact of these numerous energy projects.

I fully support representations by SASES, SEAS, SOS, Therese Coffey MP and many others made orally at the public hearings organized by the Planning Inspectorate.