

Written Representation – Briony Sones
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I would like to say that I fully endorse what has been said in the representations by SASES and our MP Therese Coffey. Also having seen the open hearing representations I am overwhelmed by the hard work, research and passion that went into these by individuals. I am not sure I can add anything that hasn't already been said with far greater expertise and understanding and in finer detail by others. However I don't think you have to be a genius, just have a modicum of common sense, to see that it is nonsensical, maybe even immoral, to build on such an industrial scale, so close to a residential area and in such unspoilt countryside. The devastation these projects (and subsequent projects already in the public domain) will wreak on our little village of Friston and the surrounding area is a tragedy and will impact on the lives of individuals and the heart of our village community for ever.

I live to the North of Friston, in a cluster of houses next to the church, very close to the Applicant's proposed development. I was shocked at Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) more recent submissions to see that the new parameter for the proposed site has come closer to the village and is now only forty seconds from my front gate. The land marked out for the substation site is less than five minutes walk away. There is no doubt that these residents' quality of life will be impacted forever. On an every day basis throughout the construction phase and forever thereafter impacts include: the value of their houses, the quality of life, the enjoyment of their gardens. Yet we have heard nothing from the applicants. I would appreciate the Inspectorate asking the following questions, if planning consent is given:

- What mitigation can SPR possibly offer to compensate for loss of quality of life?
- Will SPR compensate for loss of property value?

The harmful impact of these projects is twofold – in the short term the disruption to this fragile and unique area of Suffolk countryside, coast and economy will have far reaching consequences. In the long term no amount of mitigation can overcome the devastating effect the substations will have on the village and the community of Friston. There is also great concern about the cumulative impact with other projects planned for this area (Sizewell C, National Grid Ventures interconnectors and further expansion of offshore windfarms) which will have a much wider and long term devastating effect on the Suffolk and Norfolk Coasts – there needs to be much better long term strategic planning and joined up thinking.