

Dear Sir/Madam

Written representations

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I write to object to the proposal of Friston as the site for Scottish Powers (SP) substation.

The very name "substation" implies a small, a minor thing. Whereas the reality of this project is anything other than that.

Since I heard that Friston was the site chosen by SP I have felt sick at heart that my village could be so blighted. The project has caused terrible upheaval and upset to me and my neighbours. Our quiet life and enjoyment of our properties is greatly disturbed. I feel fairly sure that the procedure that Scottish Power have gone through to "consult" with the local village has been little more than lip service to satisfy statutory requirements. It is hard not to feel that we are being bulldozed by Scottish Power who seek through their great power, through their money which allows them to obtain the best legal advice and representation, the best marketing and promotional representation and the best chance of getting what they want. It was very hard to attend the "consultation processes" without feeling that the people "consulting" with us had limited knowledge of the reality of the project; that they were people merely brought in to go through the motions. Further as the months have gone on and more information has been pressed out of Scottish Power by the various groups such as SASES and SEAS – who I fully support – that Scottish Power's intentions for the site are far wider reaching than they have previously and are currently admitting. I believe that together with the National Grid they intend if they get their planning permission to develop the site and use is as a hub for far wider ranging projects than they currently state. I believe that if permitted this project will blight Friston as the "substation village" –and that our beautiful quiet tranquil way of life will be lost.

Whilst I understand that power must be brought onshore; the very nature of "green" energy implies that minimal interference with land and habitat will be involved in the process.

In choosing Friston, and in choosing the route to transfer the power to Friston, there will be massive and long term destruction both to the natural habitat and to each and every person living in the area. We are all suffering now with the thought of it, and the reality of its implementation, should the project be allowed, is going to provide years of misery for all those affected.

This project is proposed to be sited so close to Friston Village that we can almost touch it. We will be living cheek to jowl with it. It cannot be right that such a huge industrial complex should be built near to a beautiful quiet village.

In addition, the cumulative impact of all of the likely future projects should be taken into account; Sizewell C, Nautilus, Euro link, Galloper, for instance.

All of this has a negative human impact not just to wildlife but to those who will live literally on the edge of this project; nothing previously has been built so close to a functioning village. We can see this project from our Grade 2* listed Church. It's unprecedented and unnecessary to be so close to the village. The proposed site is ringed by listed buildings. 5 grade II and two grade I. The visual harm cannot be mitigated and the proposed mitigation by way of trees will take many years to grow. There will be substantial light pollution during construction and operation. I think this is grossly underestimated.

Further I believe that there has been defective process re National Grid works.

I do not believe that this project will provide many permanent jobs to the local community. I believe it will put off tourists both in the short and long term which will impact on tourism revenues and jobs.

I don't accept that the likely flood risk has been properly investigated yet. Friston already has flooding and I don't believe that proper assessment of the Friston Watercourse and drainage has been done. Sorting this out after the event could be disastrous for the village

I don't accept we will not hear this project both during its build if it proceeds and during its operation. If we are going to be able to see it clearly from the N/W side of the village then we will be able to hear it.

Why can this project not be sited away from residential properties? Surely a more distant solution to village life is possible. Consider Bramford – of which this is a mirror image, this is a long way from residential properties.

There will be huge influx of all vehicles, in particular heavy traffic; and it will be inevitable that Lorries and traffic will "short cut" through the heart of Friston

I am sure that the cable corridor issues are being glossed over. Huge amounts of cables would literally bulldoze through communal and country areas with the associated destruction of woodland.

I urge those with the responsibility for the project to consider siting it elsewhere.

Yours faithfully Jenny Kennedy