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As District Councillors and Ward Members for the area most affected, we would jointly like to register our non-support of this application. We support the principal of renewable energy, however at best this is perhaps a 'right application' but in the wrong place.

It is made without due consideration given to the damage to this special area and none apparently given to alternative onshore landing points, such as suggested among others by our MP Dr Therese Coffey, of Bradwell. The choice made of the Friston / Knodishall border selected just because it is the nearest site to this landing point not in the AONB, is highly inappropriate as is the lack of consideration given to the damage potentially caused by the associated works through the AONB en route to the site.

Local devastating, irreversible impacts on Friston village, both in the short-term during construction and long term with the legacy of the highly visible station. There is no mitigation possible that would improve particularly the second, there are residents in Friston, Knodishall and Aldringham whose enjoyment of life and ability to continue running viable businesses in particular in the important tourism area would be severely compromised. Aldeburgh, Snape, Thorpeness and the other rural Parishes are almost entirely dependent on the tourism for livelihoods, a prosperity that in a ripple effect spreads out across the area.

Concern that any post-covid-19 recovery in the area's tourism sector is further put in doubt should this application proceed, is only exceeded in the worry felt by many including the Alde and Ore Society at the damage to be done to the fragile Coraline Cragg cliffs at Thorpeness. Reputational damage to the area would no doubt discourage visitors to Coastal Suffolk with resulting extensive damage to the tourism industry.

In addition, there are several areas of non-adhesion to the NPPF contained in this application.

The negative effects of this application alone would be felt widely across Suffolk; not just the pressure from traffic on the mainly single carriageway A12, and the tiny lanes around Friston and Aldringham but in the precedent set should this NSIP be approved. Should Sizewell C be given approval the two NSIPs together with the associated works would devastate life in this part of Suffolk.

No jobs would come with this application, to this area so impacted; a very few additional created at Lowestoft, so next to no gain in compensation for the devastation caused either directly associated with the area specifically or County wide.

Rather than further repeat points so well made by others, we state that we support and endorse Friston Parish Council / SASES's representations, together with the Aldeburgh Society's among the many other similarly concerned groups. That after intense scrutiny our MP and neither Suffolk County Council nor East Suffolk District Council consider the negatives of this application are outweighed by any benefits is a position we also agree with.

Housing needs for this area are already at a minimum, with the energy projects sadly planned for this area local people and their lives of their families and support groups could be ruined forever. The effects on their mental health, wellbeing and lives would be irreparable. Landlords would push local people out of their homes for higher rents and the impact would be tremendous.

Destruction of the ancient Pilgrims Walk (medieval lilac hedges) would be destroyed for ever.

Suffolk deserves better.



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