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Subsequent to the objections I raised earlier in the planning process, I examined SPR's comments contained in Relevant Representations Volume 2 and Volume 1 of the Environmental Statement.

I fail to see where SPR have addressed the risks, issues and concerns which were raised earlier on during the process and have continued with the approach to "plough the same furrow" rather than look at smarter and more innovative proposals such as offshore connectivity etc which could win them increased support

SPR seem reluctant to listen to feedback and make the relevant amendments and enhancements to reduce impact on the local communities and natural environments that will be affected by these proposals.

I recognise that SPR have extensive technical and practical experience of implementing Renewable energy platforms and this is evident in many of the specialist responses around design and construction.

For example I do not question the methods employed by SPR in digging cable trenches and connecting cables etc., but I cannot see why they cannot apply this experience to promote an alternative, less intrusive approach.

My main concerns are the broad assumptions made by SPR based on questionable data and analysis presented by them in an attempt to push home the proposal. This includes upheaval to local area and village communities and infrastructure. We have a unique and valuable asset with Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) i.e The Sandlings and suchlike, which contain a range of unique and fragile biodiversity (offshore and onshore), protected woodlands, rare habitats, heathland and wetland. The area also retains a large volume of historical interest.

All of this enables our coastal communities in the area to thrive and grow by managing and promoting this natural phenomenon for the enjoyment and enrichment of everyone of all ages both resident and visitor.

The continued "industrialisation" of this particular area, Suffolk Heritage Coast, within East Anglia will bring with it increased air pollution, noise pollution, light pollution, flooding and traffic volumes which will bring extensive risks and issues which SPR fail to address. There is also the economic impact on tourism, retail and hospitality and the risks it will bring to our health and safety with busy rural highways during construction.

The SPR proposal needs to be updated and consolidated with the cumulative effects of multiple energy projects, such as Sizewell C which has now published more detailed plans and proposals, so that it can be considered in the full context all of the other 7 or 8 energy projects planned for the region in the next 10 years

I view the proposal as an opportunistic, tactical response and bid by SPR to match government criteria in meeting renewable energy requirements. The onshore components of this proposal would not have had to be pursued if SPR had successfully managed the existing Bawdsey to Bramford cable routes and substations in such a way that additional requirements and capacity arising from East Anglia ONE North could have been absorbed and integrated within the existing infrastructure managed and owned by National Grid who also need to be brought to account.

SPR must be held accountable for this lack of foresight and strategic planning and held to task by the Planning Inspectorate for not integrating with the current infrastructure that was only recently introduced. SPR should be made to revisit the proposal and come up with a modern, well designed and effective plan for onshore and, increasingly offshore, solutions to support the nation's drive to renewable energy.

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