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Written representation to the Planning Inspectorate re EastAngliaOneNorth and EastAngliaTwo.

From Susan Osben Ref: 20024325

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed building of a substation at Friston by Scottish Power Renewables for both East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two.

Whilst I fully support the move towards renewable energy I think this should be done properly and with regard to our environment. At present, it seems that the applications are driven entirely by profitability with little or no care for the irreparable destruction of the unique and fragile habitats which make up our AONB. All this comes at a time when there are plenty of cautionary voices warning us of the harm we are doing to our planet by the reckless destruction of natural landscapes by industrialisation. David Attenborough, among others, tells us that we have a very small window in which to take action.

The present "gold-rush" in the North Sea, where swathes of seabed are being sold off to the highest bidder is an immense danger to our Heritage Coast because each company is out for its own individual gain. There is no sharing of infrastructure and this is leading to a multitude of landfall sites around our fragile coastline. A joined-up plan is vital for the future; a national strategy which protects environments, homes, habitats and livelihoods. This is not an impossible pipe-dream. Other European countries are implementing off-shore ring mains and a similar project here would vastly reduce the onshore impact of multiple energy projects. The UK should be leading in developing such technology because so called "green energy" is not so green when it destroys our AONB.

I believe that the harm caused could never be mitigated. The construction process would lead to unacceptable noise and light pollution which would impact on the health and wellbeing of residents and wildlife alike. The cliffs at Thorpeness are notoriously fragile in common with most of our coastline, with a fatality having occurred there only a year ago. The cumulative effect of multiple energy projects in a small, rural area is completely unacceptable.

I would be proud to say that my generation was the one that finally took notice of the damage we are doing to our planet. Wind energy has its place, but there are better ways of delivering this than tearing up our AONB. What sort of legacy is this for our children and their children. I urge you to refuse the current application until there is suitable infrastructure to avoid the necessity for landfall across the AONB. If the project must make landfall somewhere, all efforts should be made to find a suitable brownfield site.

Finally, I would like to comment on the consultation process which I believe was rushed and inadequate. As the manager of the local library I was in a unique position to see how people reacted to the process. Aldeburgh Library hosted the Consultation documents for phase 4 of the consultation. This ran to very, very many volumes of Lever arch files. When they arrived, I requested a summary document and/or an index to navigate the multiple volumes. Scottish Power were unable to provide either. Members of the public who came to view the documents were overwhelmed by the information on offer and, universally, unable to navigate their way through it. The whole exercise was lacking in

transparency and was not accessible in any useful way. The next round of consultation was only available online or at a couple of selected venues, and apparently ran to double the documentation of the previous round, rendering this round at least as inaccessible to most as the one before.