



Scottish Power Renewables – East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two

SUMMARY of Written Representations of Ian Shipman (20024363 and 20023176) and Mary Shipman (20024361 and 20023179)

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This document is a short summary of the contents of our Written Representations, which also contain photographs and maps of local issues relevant to this Examination, to which we would draw the ExA's attention.

Summary

1. We support SASES and Friston Parish Council and have particular concerns over the cumulative impact of this proposal with Sizewell C, the Nautilus & Eurolink Interconnectors and at least another four energy projects planning to connect to the proposed National Grid substation at Friston.
2. All these projects have overlapping construction periods and will generate unacceptable levels of traffic on the A12 and the rural road network, with specific concern regarding the use of the A1094.
3. There are multiple problems with the plan to use the haul road from Knodishall to Friston as an access to the substation site and its crossing of Grove Road.
4. The proposed development is extremely close to Friston and will alter the village's setting and sense of place. The proposed mitigation by way of tree planting is totally inadequate to overcome this. The assessment of noise from the Applicant has been understated.
5. The Applicant relies on screening from Grove Wood and Laurel Covert, however Felling Licences were issued by the Forestry Commission over the full extent of these woods and work commenced in May 2020.
6. The proposed substations are on sloping land and will require levelling, potentially making the substations more visible from the village than is shown in the visualisations.
7. Due to the number of projects planned to connect at Friston, it is likely that the haul road/cable route will stay in place for a lengthy period of perhaps 10 years, resulting in footpath diversions and closures, which in turn will deter visitors and be a major loss of amenity to residents.
8. Friston has a long history of flooding events, which have increased in recent years. The Applicant is aware of the raised flood risk in Friston but has taken no steps to assess this or the effect of the proposed development to increase the flood risk in the village.
9. The proposed substations site includes a wooded pit, into which the existing field drainage system discharges. No account has been taken by the Applicant of the proposed removal of this existing drainage system. The pit also provides wildlife habitat, specifically for badgers and bats. The Applicant has identified four badger setts on the substation site, but proposes no meaningful mitigation.
10. The development involves the extinguishment of Footpath 6 and the creation of a much inferior alternative route. This is a significant loss of amenity to the residents of Friston.
11. The development would cause harm to the setting of a number of Listed Buildings, particularly Friston Parish Church.
12. The selection of the substation site is contrary to Policy 5.10.8 of EN1 with regard to the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land.
13. The Applicant's assessment and choice of its substation site at Friston is deeply flawed and should be rejected.