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Please find attached a transcript of my presentation given at Open Floor Hearing 5 6th November 2020. I submit my complete text which I cut short to fit within time constraints.

I also include an Excel graph showing a representation the cumulative impact of the projects identified and discussed at OFH 1 - 5. The source graph data is included to allow a review of how the graph is constructed.

The date timeline is base on data already published and available. Estimated dates are identified where appropriate. I submit this as a visual representation of the impact of years these projects will have on the local area. I trust the examining committee will find the graph of value in the deliberations.

I also include a link to the Save Our Sandlings facebook page with a short slide-show celebrating the wonderful song of the nightingale and Sandlings woodland.  
[Nightingale song](#)

Kind regards

Paul Chandler



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My name is Paul Chandler and a resident of Sizewell for 27 years and a member of Save Our Sandlings and I am speaking today in a personal capacity.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge all the previous speakers for their very valuable and emotional contributions with which I totally agree. Rather than sound like a cracked record, I won't cover all these subjects again. Instead I would like to take this opportunity to pose a question directly to the Planning Inspectorate.

As we have heard, there are a plethora of projects headed towards the East Suffolk coast, each of which requires considerable effort for all interested parties to research, understand and respond to with representations and submissions. Most of us do not have the advantage of subject matter experts to call upon and rely on our own initiative and time to respond accordingly as lay persons. My questions is as follows: Now that the Inspectorate is aware of these multiple projects and the potential cumulative impacts they bring, what action will they take to ensure there is a proper cross-fertilisation of information between examining committees? It is reasonable to assume that the many issues raised during these open floor hearings will be common to all projects. The prospect for the local community going forward is pretty grim. Attending multiple consultations and subsequent enquiries will result in considerable duplication of effort, not only for all interested parties but the Inspectorate as well. This is our Groundhog Day, we are destined to repeat the same activities time and again, ad nauseum.

At the very least I would suggest PINS co-opts committee members from the 3 existing DCO applications, i.e., SPR and EdF to each others examinations so relevant information is shared equally and can be referenced / reviewed at the appropriate stages of each examination. I for one would rather not spend the rest of my life as an unpaid consultant responding to and attending meetings even though I passionately want the correct outcome for our region of Suffolk. I very much doubt I will still be alive when all these projects are completed. Having already responded to three major energy projects in the last 15 years it is grossly unreasonable to bombard local communities with a relentless Tsunami of projects as the persistent energy juggernaut rolls our way.

*(Update 2nd Nov 2020. EdF announce an additional 18 new documents to their submitted DCO application outlining changes to their transport strategy. Interested parties have 30 days from 18<sup>th</sup> November to respond)*

At this point I should mention the elephant in the room, or in this case the large woolly mammoth that is National Grid ESO. If they had been open and honest about their plans for this area and had had to request outline planning permission to build such large substation infrastructure in the Leiston – Sizewell area **BEFORE** offering connections to SPR et al, I am quite sure the application would have been rejected as totally unacceptable in an AONB and SSSI area. National Grid by their very absence from this consultation process could not be tasked with proving why this connection proposal is the best solution and why alternatives could not been chosen and offered. Reviewing the Ofgem Decarbonisation Action Plan<sup>1</sup>, the word Environmental occurs only 17 times and Costs 105 times. Lowest cost options take precedence over effects on the environmental carbon footprint. Herein lies the problem, cost overrules price. Pursuing a lowest cost option always means paying a higher price, in this case damage to the very fabric of our communities and way of life. There is no regard for the effect on natural environment, the socio economic impact or any long term benefit to communities. Only once is there a glimmer of hope. In the paragraph ‘More effective coordination to deliver low **cost** offshore networks’ is the sentence ‘to explore whether a more coordinated offshore transmission system could reduce both financial and environmental costs’. Is it any wonder we are in a position where we have to choose the least worst option from the 7 sites initially proposed. Least worst by definition means there is no good option.

Finally, I ask this examining committee to consider this application in 2 parts – the offshore and onshore.

Whilst approval for the offshore element could be granted and allow those works to proceed, the onshore component must be rejected until such time as less environmentally destructive options are accepted and implemented. Alternative solutions are available and been in use for many years. Please don’t allow these projects to proceed in their current form for the above reasons and for all the arguments so eloquently delivered by previous speakers.

Please also remember your recommendation to the Secretary of State not only decides the fate of **these** projects but **all** the projects to come. Allowing these proposals opens the flood gates for each and every subsequent project.

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<sup>1</sup> [Decarbonisation Action Plan](#)

I wish to state I support renewable energy from wind, solar and wave energy. The issue which I and many others have is how these energy sources connect to the grid network. The renewable sector has seen very fast, almost exponential growth, and the National Grid network is now struggling to keep pace with new energy developments. Many coastal communities nationwide face similar issues to East Suffolk as more offshore windfarm cables make landfall and lead to onshore infrastructure construction, sometimes many, many miles inland.

The issue of making the grid system 21<sup>st</sup> century fit is currently the subject of a Business, Enterprise and Industry Strategy (BEIS) review. We are very hopeful that common sense will prevail and a proper system of offshore connection points, or hubs will be fully funded and co-ordinated in time to halt this needless destruction of acres of wildlife habitat and agricultural land under the banner of green energy.

Ecocide is a better term for what is happening right now.

Let's not allow that to happen.

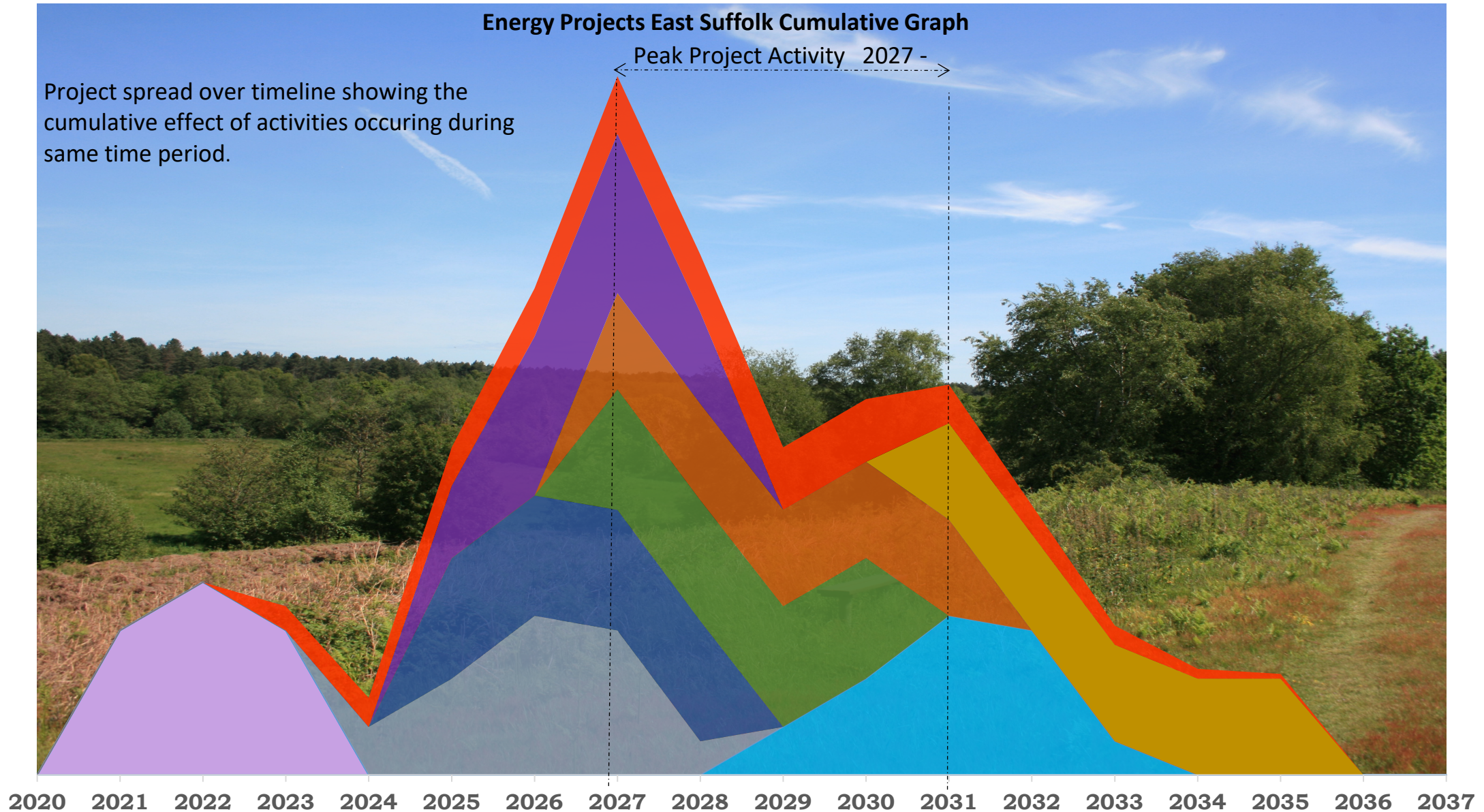
Thank you



# Energy Projects East Suffolk Cumulative Graph

Project spread over timeline showing the cumulative effect of activities occurring during same time period.

Peak Project Activity 2027 -



EdF Sizewell B Building Relocation (2021 - 2023)

ScottishPower EA1N (2024 - 2028)

National Grid Ventures - Eurolink (2027-2030) \*

National Grid replacement transmission lines (2025 - 2027)

EdF Sizewell C (2023 - 2035)

National Grid interconnector SCD2

ScottishPower EA2 (2024 -2028)

National Grid Ventures - Nautilus (2025 - 2028)

Galloper Windfarm Extension (2027 - 2031) \*

Gabbard Windfarm Extension (2031 - 2035) \*

National Grid interconnector SCD1

\* Estimated date

\* a number of assumptions have been made due to lack of information but based on similar project profiles

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