



Offshore Wind Farms

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**SEAS response to
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ACTION POINTS**

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DEADLINE 3 SUBMISSION

SEAS RESPONSE TO ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS 2 (ISH2): HEARINGS ACTION POINTS

SEAS would like to respond, as requested, at Deadline 3 to the ISH2 Hearings Action Points

Question 7. List of projects for consideration in cumulative impact assessment

Friston Connections - No change.

SEAS believe that all ten projects should be included in any cumulative impact study. We do not accept any reasoning made by ScottishPower Renewables or National Grid for omitting any of these projects as defined in Appendix One of our Written Representation submitted at Deadline 2 ¹

Other Projects - I'd like to bring to your notice that developers are planning 800 homes to be built in Saxmundham (at the same time as EA1N, EA2, Sizewell, and the six other known wind farm connection projects) adding to the air pollution, transport and road cumulative impact. ²

Question 13. East Anglia Daily Times (EADT) reportage of NGET/ Graeme Cooper's comments on community engagement

SEAS referred in Agenda Item 3 to an East Anglian Daily Times reportage of NGET Director Graeme Cooper's comments on community engagement on 2 December 2020. As requested, we attach this article as a pdf.

¹ [https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010077/EN010077-002779-DL1%20-%20SEAS%20\(Suffolk%20Energy%20Action%20Solutions\)%20Campaign%20Group.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010077/EN010077-002779-DL1%20-%20SEAS%20(Suffolk%20Energy%20Action%20Solutions)%20Campaign%20Group.pdf)

² <https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/housing/saxmundham-garden-neighbourhood-latest-plans-6691518>

This article came out in the local East Anglian Daily Times whilst we were all struggling with answers to the siting of National Grid's Friston Substation. Graeme Cooper, project director of National Grid's offshore wind infrastructure projects said:

"..... that he understood that there remained concerns from local people about such projects but said that National Grid was doing all it could to engage with local people and mitigate the impact of work".

An outrageous claim when they declined to attend hearings or disclose vital information that impinges on the outcome of EAN1 and EA2. He goes on to say:

".... that it was important for the National Grid to be able to use local knowledge to help look at mitigating the visual impact of structures they may have to build on land as part of the projects".

Who is he talking to then? National Grid has made zero attempt to engage with local people, this is simply propaganda.

Graeme Cooper goes on to say that there is:

"... lots of investment that is going to come forward".

This may be the case with regard to the regeneration of the port of Lowestoft which we wholly support but for the immediate area around the proposed substation and cable corridor tourism, the main source of income, will be devastated. The region cannot be merged as a whole and Graeme Cooper's comments fail to distinguish between areas that will make economic gain (urban) and areas that will fail to make any gain (rural). Rural areas will in fact suffer socially, environmentally and economically.

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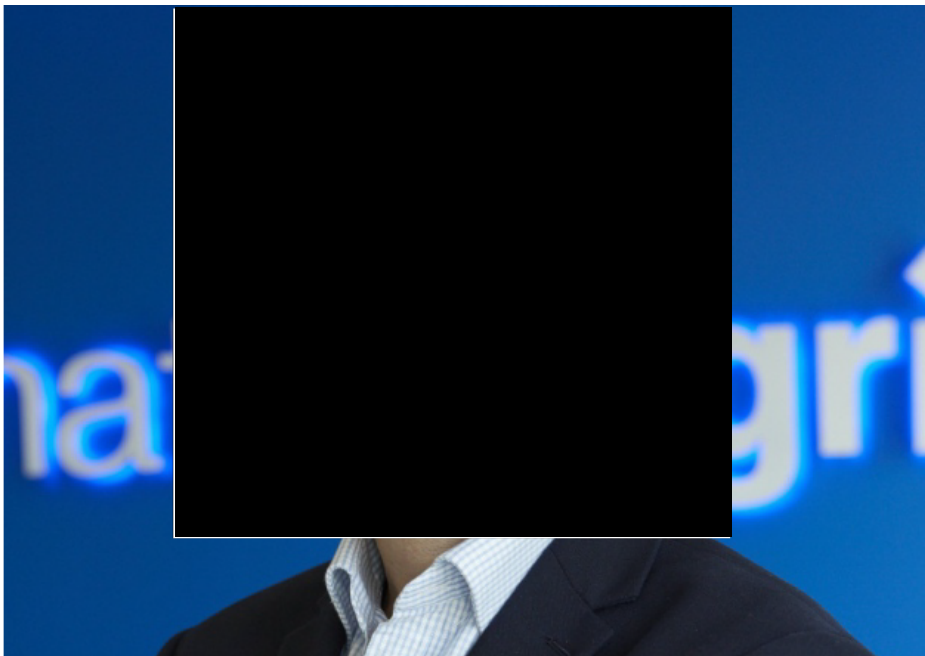
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Graeme Cooper from the National Grid Picture:
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A National Grid director has said Suffolk should be benefit from investment in offshore wind power in the county.

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Graeme Cooper, project director of National Grid's offshore wind infrastructure projects, said that our region was in a good position when it came to helping provide renewable energy.

"To get to net zero we need around four times the amount of renewables we have now," said Mr Cooper.

"The beautiful thing about the Norfolk and Suffolk coast is you are blessed with this beautiful wind resource."

Mr Cooper said that the region should be able to look forward to further investment from the sector.

"I think there's a lot for Norfolk and Suffolk to be excited about," said Mr Cooper.

"Done in the right way. There's lots of investment that is going to be coming forward."

Among the areas that Mr Cooper said he thought would benefit were the ports.

"I think we can help create investment in the ports as well," said Mr Cooper.

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“More offshore windfarms need better port facilities, better port facilities need better transport facilities and better transport facilities mean that more people can travel.

“There’s a lot to look forward to.”

Mr Cooper was speaking just months after Suffolk’s latest offshore wind project, East Anglia ONE, was completed just off the coast of Lowestoft.

Mr Cooper also said that he understood that there remained concerns from local people about such projects but said that National Grid was doing all it could to engage with local people and mitigate the impact of work.

“We are exploring and reaching out to local stakeholders,” said Mr Cooper.

He said that it was important for the National Grid to be able to use local knowledge to help look at mitigating the visual impact of structures they may have to build onland as part of the projects.

“We are exploring with nature and conservation businesses to screen and plant natural woodland,” said Mr Cooper.

“We need the help of those local non-governmental organisations that are able to advise and guide and maybe work hand in glove with us to find the least worst solutions.”

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