Dear Mr Bryn Smith and Examining Officers,

I am so disappointed that I must write to you once again, and I am certain that you and your team must be somewhat exhausted having to read yet another email. However I have to respond and take issue with ScottishPower Renewables Submission of Oral Case Issue Specific Hearing 2 on 2nd and 3rd of December 2020: Onshore Siting, Design and Construction in which they have argued that additional projects, widely perceived to be connecting to the Grid at Friston if this current Application is consented, should not be included in their Cumulative Impact Assessment.

I am horrified that in a country that, through my work I promote as being one of justice and democracy, National Grid are so arrogant that they do not feel it necessary to be open and upfront with yourselves. A quote from National Grid Ventures (NGV) latest written response with reference to Nautilus and Eurolink Multi-purpose Interconnector projects implies this: "... initial routing and siting work has been based on the reasonable assumption of a potential connection location at the proposed Friston substation." An email between Innogy and Leiston Town Council regarding the Galloper Extension Offshore Wind Farm says, "We currently have an offer from National Grid to connect in to Friston which we are considering but have not yet accepted and the offer is subject to consent being received for ScottishPower’s DCO application for the East Anglia projects”

I am calling on the Examining Authorities to uphold their pledge to take all additional projects into account by:

1. Asking ScottishPower Renewables to undertake a full Cumulative Impact Assessment of all known projects; and
2. Undertaking a rigorous examination of this Cumulative Impact Assessment

This should include not just the site of the additional substations but the landfall site and perhaps most importantly, the cable corridor. How many times will a 9 km cable corridor 60m+ wide be redug? Appendix One of SASES Response to ISH2 Action Points which looks at projects with actual or potential Grid Connections at Friston shows an ADDITIONAL 8 CABLE TRENCHES to be dug.

It must be emphasised that all the primary stakeholders in this Examination including The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP, East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council, Aldeburgh Town Council, Natural England, SASES, SOS and SEAS believe that the effects of these projects and associated impacts should be fully considered within this Examination. I am afraid that confidence will be lost in the Examination should the Planning Inspectorate not bring SPR to account on this issue, it is no wonder that The Cambridge Centre for the Future of Democracy found that Millennials are more disillusioned with democracy than any generation in living memory, when large corporations feel that they can ignore your calls to account for their actions.
With best wishes
Sheridan Steen