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Dear Mr Rynd Smith and the Examining Authority Team,

I make no apology for repeating myself in yet another letter of objection as it is totally clear there is enormous and wholly justified opposition from all local residents, councils, MP's and businesses against this DCO from SPR.

The Friston proposed site is inappropriate from every angle and for all the reasons I have previously listed in my letter dated 27 October 2020 and at the last Open Floor Hearing on 22 January.

In particular the issue of flooding has not been properly addressed as SPR appear over reliant on desktop models. The Friston ditch running alongside the village green is currently stable with plenty of vegetation on the banks. But if this is cleared by excess water from the proposed 35 acre concreted site, the sandy banks will be eroded and undermined with serious consequences for houses in the village.

These devastating applications must be included within the frame-work of the BEIS review to benefit from the reduction of landing sites especially in East Anglia by 80% from 105 to 30 and the huge saving of infrastructure costs of £6 billion. There is a lack of a joined up approach regarding energy connections and infrastructure. An offshore ring main is urgently required to avoid total carnage of the Heritage Coast. This surely is not the desire of a government keen to promote a green environment? From what we all now know about SPR's proposals it is clear that the many environment questions cannot be sufficiently answered. We urge you the Planning Inspectorate to reject SPR applications being put forward separately.

Another serious issue not addressed is the impact of HGV traffic on the locality especially the A1094 with regards to the local hospital at Aldeburgh. Ambulances and nurses travelling to care for patients from Ipswich Hospital would find that delays would undoubtedly risk lives. This would in turn threaten the viability of the future of Aldeburgh Hospital. The future of the Warden Trust caring for such vulnerable and disabled patients is likely to be jeopardised leading to grave consequences.

Suffolk Constabulary and the Fire Service would also be under far greater pressure attending emergencies. The road led strategy is obviously unworkable due to the narrow winding roads. There is an existing railway.

This proposed DCO should be accommodated within the existing Bawdsey to Bramford cable route and SPR must be held to account about this by you, the Planning Inspectorate.

In short these proposals are unacceptable, damaging and harmful to the residents, the tourist economy and our fragile environment and should be refused.

Yours sincerely

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