

PROPOSED PLANNING APPLICATION for EAST ANGLIA 1 NORTH and EAST ANGLIA TWO WINDFARM PROJECTS

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Dear Mr Rynd Smith and PINS Team,

I am writing to you all in the fervent hope that you will reject the proposed cable route and substations from both EA1N and EA2 windfarm projects.

I am in favour of green energy and therefore the two offshore windfarms EA1N and EA2 but not at any price. The proposed cable cutting through AONB for the above project will have serious, negative consequences for this area.

The destruction of areas of AONB requires ministerial consent. The cable corridor 5miles long and 60m wide resulting in the loss of hedgerows, woodland and agricultural land that will take years to repair.

The loss of tourism to this area, on which it relies, will be catastrophic. The town of Aldeburgh and surrounding area has many restaurants, pubs and other facilities that employ many hundreds of people.

The number of long term jobs created, that are few, by these projects will not make up for those lost due to the cumulative impact over a long period of time of the construction of the SPR and National Grid substation at Friston.

The area is not capable of sustaining the amount of HGV traffic on the small "A" roads and certainly not the "B" roads and lanes.

The proposed SPR traffic lights at the junction of the A12 and the A1094 at Friday Street will bring huge tailbacks of traffic in all directions. Another nail in the coffin of tourism as people will not want to visit the area.

Friston is a small tranquil village of 350 souls that will be dwarfed by the 35 acre SPR and NG proposed substation site. The grade two listed St Mary's church is within 200 meters. The dark, quiet nights will be shattered by the hum of the transformers and overhead lights from the substation.

The BEIS review that is due shortly, states in it's mandate that it will work with all stakeholders to mitigate the onshore stakeholder landing points from 105 to 30 for 2025 and 60 by 2030.

This is the Suffolk Heritage Coast that is renowned for its peace and tranquillity as well as its dark skies. It has much to recommend for all those who wish to visit the area for water sports, golf, restaurants and glorious bird watching especially at Minsmere.

I hope that your decision will not result in the demise of this wonderful much loved area.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Courage.