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To: East Anglia ONE North; East Anglia Two

Cc:
Subject: SPR & NATIONAL GRID IMPACT TO ALDEBURGH & SURROUNDING AREAS

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Dear Sir/Madam -

We are writing to express our grave concerns on this issue. We live in Aldeburgh and have never experienced before the chill feeling of 'assault' on the town, the surrounding villages, Snape Maltings, the countryside, coastline and the golf course that comes with these proposals, particularly their knock-on effects on safety and income for these areas which will be affected.

This project is a very serious threat to the Town, the golf club and the surrounding area in any event, but the confirmed intention of bringing up to 300 lorries per day (ie <u>about one every two minutes!</u>) into Aldeburgh via the Saxmundham Road (A1094) and out via the Leiston Road (B1122) during the construction phase adds significantly to the impact. That roundabout junction is woefully short of being able to cope with that increased traffic level - especially from those HGVs. Further, in order to facilitate this extra traffic - which will of course be a lot more than just those 300 HGVs - I understand the proposals are to put traffic lights at the A12 junction with the A1094 road to Aldeburgh. This will undoubtedly cause long tail-backs and will therefore add significantly to journey times in/out that direction. The other road out to the A12 via Snape and Campsea Ashe is just not able to take increased traffic - there is the small bridge and the lanes are narrow and winding.

Then there is the double-whammy effect of these proposals alongside the proposals regarding Sizewell C. Either will have a significant negative impact for many years into the future on the flora and fauna of this beautiful part of the world, but the long-term effects of both proposals together are unthinkable. We're not against energy production from offshore windfarms, it's just that there are, apparently, much easier and 'softer' ways of bringing it ashore - maybe via the existing cables at Bawdsey, to the south. Or somehow link it up with the Sizewell C proposals - that would make sense...

In summary, whilst the loss of amenity and the economic impact to the Town would be significant, the danger to golfers and walkers crossing the A1094 from the Golf Club to the River Course and the practice facilities there from 300 lorry movements a day - and a lot of other associated traffic - is a very serious issue. The A1094 is too narrow to cope with this extra traffic, it is already dangerous for cyclists and barely wide enough for two lorries to pass as is.

Yours,

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