

# SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL



**Mrs. L. Beevor**  
Clerk of the Council

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Dear Sirs

As a Parish Council we are assiduously following the Examination of the proposed windfarms East Anglia One North and Two Offshore. Southwold Town Council (STC) fully supports the development of the offshore wind capability, but it is concerned about the location and size of the substations proposed at Friston.

There have been many well-argued objections to the development, and we believe this location is unsuitable for these substations. It is a greenfield industrial development which will cause unnecessary repeated damage to the AONB. The substations are too big and too close to Friston village. There is potential to cause coastal erosion on the fragile sand cliffs at Thorpeness cable landing zone. Cliff fall caused by the developer could have a domino effect with cliff instability and coastal erosion in the immediate vicinity. This would have far reaching consequences for the whole area.

There is no positive economic impact, locally, from these proposals, only damage to the vital tourism industry, the biggest employer in the local area. The effect of the increased HGV traffic on the local roads will cause congestion. The cumulative impact on the main A12 with the proposed Sizewell C construction work will have serious implications on the transport network in the surrounding economic area.

It is understood there could be a total of eight(no.8) different projects being considered. These additional projects will not only increase the number of substations, but the cable corridors also being required. Our councillors have a major concern in that Scottish Power has 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.

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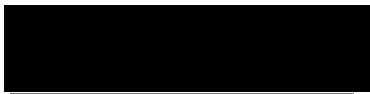


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It is STC's view that the effects of these additional projects, and associated their impacts, should be fully considered within the Examination. We believe that following this review it will be crystal clear that the proposed site for the substation is unsuitable and Scottish Power should consider another location for this.

Kind regards



Mrs L Beevor  
Town Clerk