From:
To: East Anglia ONE North

**Subject:** East Anglia one and Two wind farm applications

**Date:** 23 February 2021 16:09:04

## Dear Mr Smith

I would like to respond to <u>Action Point 2, The Planning Balance from Open Floor Hearing</u>

I ask the Examining Authorities to recommend to the Secretary of State a 'split decision' so that:

- 1. The offshore turbines are recommended for consent. (I am fully supportive of renewable energy and have no objections to the offshore elements of these DCO applications with the proviso all installations are acceptable to stakeholder concerns over the statutory purposes of the AONB affected by these proposals).
- 2. The onshore infrastructure is rejected in favour of full consideration of better locations for this infrastructure where the adverse impacts are minimised at a brownfield site.

As an Interested Party, I have participated throughout the course of the Hearings and I think one thing has become clear, the adverse impacts of this particular onshore site location substantially outweigh the benefits of the application when taken as a whole. The impact on our environment and the local communities and economy would be devastating but importantly needlessly devastating.

There are alternative sites available which do not appear to have been considered by the applicant which could provide the same facilities and avoid avoid the destruction of the local area.

Some of these are at a brownfield site.

These Applications have emphasised the importance of offshore wind in reducing the UK's carbon emissions and meeting the government's 2030 offshore wind targets.

The Applicants have failed to provide details of any alternatives sites which would provide the same facilities and not have the detrimental effect on the coastal area and inland sites.

There are still 9 years to go until the Government's 2030 offshore wind targets. There is time for ScottishPower Renewables, National Grid and the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to get this planning Application right **without** jeopardising these important targets.

A 'split decision' would mean that no time is wasted with respect to the construction of the offshore turbines but would give the opportunity to rethink the onshore aspects of this project to fall in line with current government aspirations.

I ask that you consider the application in two elements and reject the onshore planning part of the application

## **Robert Rusack**