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Dear Mr Smith and Examining Officers

Following on from last week's open floor hearings I want to express my absolute dismay to have learnt that having had 3 years in which to prepare for the examination, SPR leaves the ecology study of the River Hundred environs to the very last minute. It is unbelievable that they should visit the site when East Suffolk was lying under a thick blanket of snow, in fact it was a miracle they managed to even arrive at the site as Aldeburgh was cut off for some time, as of course was Friston. Why I should be so shocked by their dereliction of care I don't know! It has become apparent over the past months that SPR felt that this application was a matter of tick boxing and that we "simple people" - one of their representative's description of the people in Friston and the immediate environs would be easily duped into believing that the process was already decided.

The cumulative impact on East Suffolk, not just in the immediate area of Friston has become clear over the months.

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- Chaos on the roads - effecting the wider region, including Lowestoft
- Unemployment - long term
- Loss of tourism - £40million per annum.
- Health care - possible closure of both Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, as well as loss of Ness House
- Care in the Home
- Serious Damage/loss of Thorpeness Cliffs, impact of which could result in the devastation of the coast
- Ecology - permanent loss of habitat across AONB and SSI
- Damage to farming - movement of livestock, perishable crops, such as pigs, sheep, peas
- Pollution
- Long term damage to the arts
- Destruction of the dark skies

You and I have become aware over the months that National Grid have in mind to create Europe's largest onshore energy hub in Friston, again one of SPR's representatives alluded to this at the first presentation, however I was too shell shocked to absorb that such an illogical idea could be considered. However we know that Nautilus, Eurolink, Galloper Extension, Greater Gabbard Extension, SDC1 and SDC2 are in discussion with National Grid. [REDACTED] (SPR's representative) description of Friston currently being an Urban Industrial Site (?) will certainly become fully INDUSTRIAL. When I met [REDACTED] at one of SPR's consultations in Friston, I asked him if he would want to live in Friston or even holiday in Friston going forward he said "NO". Now I understand why. How a farming village can be described as "urban industrial" is extraordinary.

When I first wrote to you, I said that I am in favour of offshore windfarms, it is essential that this fantastic energy technology is used to help the UK move forward, however the

siting of the substations and radial transmission systems in Friston is totally unacceptable. It is time that the wind farms off the coast of East Anglia connect to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS) by way of the integrated offshore system now known as the Offshore Transmission System (OTN) (colloquially the Offshore Ring Main (ORM)). The move towards an integrated solution with shared infrastructure is gathering pace through the full blown Government' project - the Offshore Coordination Project (OCP) - this is a project not a concept!

Once again Sir, I must thank you and the team for your thoughtful approach, it has been much appreciated. I was seriously concerned that we would be disenfranchised by this virtual examination, but you and the team have been really professional.

Yours sincerely

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