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Deadline 8 submission

(Health and Wellbeing, Noise, Traffic, Transport, Tourism)

Dear Examining Authority,

At this stage, as representations are drawing to a close and you are considering the vast amount of material that is before you, I would wish, if I may, to make a few points.

I welcome SPR's initiative in developing green energy projects, but unfortunately, as has been shown by many IPs, these projects are not as green as they might seem, and also conceal the now-documented but still not admitted 'cumulative effects'.

The starting point for any such project must be an off-shore windfarm, and as a way of obtaining energy without causing too much damage to the environment this is obviously to be commended.

However, having decided upon the off-shore location, within reach of much of the Eastern coastline, why choose an AONB for the landfall and cabling, and a green-field site right next to an ancient village church for the substations? There are other suitable routes, as we know, and this one does not seem to be the best use of the finite resources that our countryside has to offer: and, when put down in black and white, seems a quite illogical proposal:

The proposed **landfall site** is in a beautiful yet fragile landscape, with cliffs subject to erosion.

The construction of the **cable route**, a process of many years, would cut a wide trench through the AONB, pass through two villages, Aldringham and Knodishall, and seriously compromise the Sandlings Walk long distance footpath.

And the **substations** would be sited within a stone's-throw of an ancient village church, very close to a peaceful village, and obscuring the rights of way on a popular green-field site.

It has also been shown that the landfall site would seriously disrupt residents and businesses in the Thorpeness/Sizewell area, and that the noise and light from the substations would permanently damage the peacefulness of Friston village.

There is no clarity regarding the length of the construction process, and it is obvious that for many years there will be a large increase in traffic, and consequent pollution, in an area notable for its narrow roads.

There seem to be no advantages to the onshore proposals. As you are aware, Thorpeness,

Aldeburgh, and the smaller inland villages all rely heavily on tourism for their income, as well as being a peaceful and creative dwelling-place for many residents. The Sandlings AONB and its hinterland is not an industrial area, and these proposals would bring hardly any employment to it, whereas it has been shown that the tourism income would drop dramatically as a result.

It seems very unfortunate that this destructive attitude to our limited on-shore natural resources, landscape and beauty, our tourism industry and the mental health of residents, is being masked by an undoubtedly greener approach to off-shore energy.

Therefore, as you assimilate the material before you I would ask, please, that you recommend a **split decision**, as now recommended by SASES and SEAS: accepting the off-shore elements but refusing the on-shore elements for the reasons stated above.

With many thanks for all your care and attention during this long and complex enquiry.

Kind regards,

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