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Secondly – that I implore you to reject this application as it will devastate the local area and makes no logical sense (see bullet points below) - the site at Friston for the Substations is not fit for purpose.

- coming ashore through delicate cliffs on a fragile section of coastline (that is vulnerable to coastal erosion).
- disturbing an SSSI.
- ploughing a trench through swathes of the AONB (causing irreparable damage that will decimate eco systems).
- choosing a substation site directly next to a rural village (with a known flood risk from the runoff water of the proposed substation site on the side of a cul de sac valley whose lowest point (and exit) is the village of Friston.
- local roads and lanes can not facilitate the type of vehicle/traffic required to access the site.
- there is no pre-existing industrialisation within the area where the substation site is to be located (a completely rural setting which is exceptionally quiet).
- decimating the local tourist industry that is at the center of the local economy and which depends on the beauty of the unspoiled rural landscape, relying on the peninsular road system that, at peak times, is already running at full capacity. Jobs will be lost and income for local businesses that support the tourism industry will be devastated – the proposed project provides no permanent employment or income for the local community as the substations will be unmanned.

Why has this project not been directed to the brown field site suggested by The Rt Hon Therese Coffey MP?

Whilst I applaud the polite manner in which these proceedings have been conducted, it has not reflected the actual way the Applicant and its representatives/subcontractors have treated the local community in Friston. Despite the extremely reasonable way SPR presented their dealings with the local communities, please be assured there was no consultation process for this project. The week after Easter the village was littered with signage (more suited for a motorway) by a private sub-contractor of the Applicant - this signage was for the pre-consent investigations works. The signs I saw were not adequately secured and a danger to passing pedestrians and traffic – the one by our church gate was at a 45° angle (due to the camber of the single track private lane on which it was placed), precariously held in place by one sand bag, adjacent to a hanging Holiday rental sign which is regularly blown off its hooks by the wind – this Holiday rental sign was possibly an eighth of the size of the monstrously large sign indicating ‘Site access 3’ – my immediate concern was that this grotesquely large sign would fall over and hurt someone. A few yards down the lane, opposite the area where one turns into the access for the Grade II\* Church was another enormous sign, tossed into position so that it straddled the hedge, as there was no room for it on the narrow country lane (which is only wide enough for a

single car to pass and has steep high banks) – its wording was aggressive, putting all the onus on the person not working on the site. This is more evidence of how the Applicant continues to disregard the local residents of Friston, we are an inconvenience to their project, which appears to take president over everything. I would have like to have included photographs of these signs but due to a complete outcry from members of the SASES team and their ability to get hold of the correct people at the Council these signs were all removed (my understanding is that SASES will be including the photographic evidence of this signage so you will be able to see what I've described). Evidently the Council had no idea that they were being put up as the Applicant had employed a private contractor. Not only is this evidence of the continued lack of regard the Applicant has for the village of Friston residents, but also brings into question how this site was ever selected when the narrow road surrounding it do not have the space to even accommodate the signage required to direct workers to the proposed site (and that is before any large vehicle has even driven down them...). In light of this latest incident, should this project be given the go ahead, whoever is appointed as the Liaison person for the village (should the villagers have an issue/concern) needs to provide a 24hours contact number and there needs to be a clear process for a complaints procedure should this person not be available. We, the village will be living this nightmare 24/7 for many years, so it is imperative that someone is available at all times. This is of particular concern for me as I live directly by the proposed substation site at Friston and do not want my nights sleep or Sundays peace disturbed by this project should it be granted permission (if a generator is left running through the night or over the weekend, I need to be able to contact someone immediately to ensure that it is turned off).

In addition, as I live directly by the proposed substation site, I would like to know why (when Mr Smith of ExA gave a direct instruction at the ISH for the Applicant, Council and SASES expert to go away and reach agreement on the noise levels) that the Applicant and Council have reached an agreement without the inclusion of the SASES expert (particularly when the Council's expert was in agreement with the sound recording data collected by the SASES expert on how quiet the area for the Substation site is) – how can you allow participants to disobey a direct instruction from yourselves (which is recorded on video) and then give it approval when it is at the detriment to SASES and the village of Friston (who are the people whose lives are actually being impacted)?

On a final note – why has this process been granted an extension? It was made very clear by Mr Smith throughout this entire process that this particular part was going to be concluded in six months come what may – there were endless “thank you's” on the last day with no request from any parties for an extension. As laypeople we are already compromised by this process, we do not have a bottomless pit of money to finance our defense – this is akin to a David and Goliath scenario where David has had his slingshot taken away.

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