



Offshore Wind Farms

EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH

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**SEAS Cover Letter - Submission for
Deadline 10 – 6 May 2021**

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Dear Planning Inspectors:

EXTENSION

As noted in our Deadline 9 submission ([REP9-089](#)), SEAS herewith reaffirm their objection to the three-month extension of the examination of EA1N and EA2 on the grounds that it gives an unfair advantage to the Applicant, ScottishPower Renewables. We would have wholeheartedly agreed to an extended next stage after the close of the Examinations in April for the ExA to scrutinise the evidence and arguments presented during the six-month Examination period, and believe the ExA would have come to the conclusion that SPR had been negligent in their application, refusing to supply the required information and evidence to enable the ExA to make an informed recommendation to the SoS. We assert that this Extension puts an unacceptable strain on community groups' resources.

SEAS is disappointed not to have received any formal response from the ExA to its detailed objection to the Extension.

SURVEYS

The Examinations were due to close on 6 April 2021, and within days SPR commenced onshore and nearshore surveying works that should have been completed prior to application to ascertain whether this fragile coast and protected terrain is viable for such an onslaught of energy infrastructure. In the last three weeks, Residents have been extremely upset that little notification has been posted about these works and that contractors have little knowledge of the local terrain; situ of aquifers, how to protect nearby horses, disruption of bridle and footpaths, protection of nesting birds and badgers, thereby further distressing the community who have to deal with and rectify their mistakes. This does not bode well and is no doubt an indication of what's to come. One resident has asked SPR if the site survey results will be made available and has had a negative reply.

SEAS notes that in RULE 17 of 29 April (R17AC-2) that the ExA have requested whether SPR will supply survey results. As these results are crucial to the examination and to determining a decision, SEAS requests that the ExA insist that the full report of findings and results of all new

surveys are submitted by SPR as soon as they are available, regardless of Deadlines, and published on PINS website.

DISINGENUOUS RESPONSES

In addition, SEAS would like to put on record that SPR's failure to respond to community groups' hard evidence is further confirmation of their cynical attitude to real engagement with the community. SPR's responses constantly refer back to their original application documents, documents that have clearly not addressed the issue or question in the first place hence the reason for writing the submissions. On outstanding issues relating to Biodiversity including the River Hundred, the adverse impact on tourism, the cumulative impact of 10 to 12 years of construction, noise pollution, disruption to local community amenities, SPR has failed to reassure any community member that their concerns are unfounded.

REQUEST TO THE ExA

As there are still no direct and comprehensive answers to our questions and evidence, SEAS will await the Applicants' Deadline 10 responses and will submit Written Representations accordingly. SEAS herewith request that the Planning Inspectors ask the following on their behalf.

1. Comprehensive reports should be published showing all Findings from all surveys carried out during April/May 2021 at the Friston site, Thorpeness landfall site, and River Hundred relating to all outstanding issues, including Flooding, Biodiversity displacement, Aquifer contamination, Amenity disruption, Social capital threats.
2. Any future surveys should be communicated at least two weeks in advance of the in-field research to give time for preparations to be made to safeguard animals and wildlife and reorganise where necessary, community life.
3. Cumulative impact assessments continue to be outstanding. These should be presented by SPR/National Grid in order to give communities the chance to assess them fully before the revised final Deadline.

Thank you for your attention to this submission

With Kind Regards

The SEAS Team

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