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Dear Rynd Smith and Colleagues

We attach a further statement on behalf of the Aldeburgh Society reiterating our strong opposition to the onshore elements of SPR's DCO applications.

With kind regards

Katherine Mackie, Chair

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OFFSHORE WINDFARMS EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH AND EAST ANGLIA TWO

DEADLINE 10 STATEMENT CONCERNING SPR's PROPOSED ONSHORE INSTALLATIONS

As the civic society for the historic coastal town and cultural centre of Aldeburgh, the Aldeburgh Society has registered its grave concern over these DCO applications. The objects of the Society are to encourage public interest in and care for the character of the town and its surroundings, and the preservation, development and improvement of general public amenity in the area. Scottish Power Renewables' proposals conflict with the fulfilment of these objects.

The Society strongly supports the development of renewable energies, including the generation of offshore wind energy in suitable locations. We have followed the Examination of Scottish Power Renewables' applications with keen interest and we value the calm efficiency and thoroughness with which it has been conducted. Nothing we have heard or read has convinced us that the proposed substations at Friston and the associated landfall site and cable corridor via Thorpeness would be anything other than irretrievably destructive of a fragile landscape, much of it located in a nationally protected Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This submission at deadline 10 is focussed on the potentially harmful effects of the proposals on Aldeburgh's coast and the river Alde and draws on previous submissions by interested parties, notably the Alde & Ore Association.

The Suffolk Heritage Coast was designated an AONB in 1979 and is all of a piece with a long history of natural evolution and change. It is subject to many continuing dynamic forces, principally wind, waves, sea surges and sea level change working on the young geology and now climate change.

At the Special Issue Hearing on Tuesday 19 January 2021, the Alde & Ore Association highlighted the geology of the very fragile sector of the coast at which landfall, by horizontal direct drilling (HDD) is proposed for this project. Concern remains about the apparently unresearched consequences of manmade interference on a fragile part of the Suffolk Heritage coast resulting in accelerated cliff collapses. These risk impacting badly on the coast to the south, not only the immediate and vulnerable settlement of Thorpeness but Aldeburgh and the eastern bank of the Alde and Ore estuary. It is these risks that we feel have not been adequately addressed by the Applicant.

These projects thus raise the distinct possibility of significant adverse impacts on the coastline of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and until these impacts are fully understood and addressed the projects must not be allowed to proceed.

Once again we repeat that the cumulative effect of these proposals, and also in particular with EDF's proposed large nuclear power station development at Sizewell C, would be too much for this fragile and highly prized area to bear.

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In view of the above, we reiterate our view that the Planning Inspectorate should split its consideration of the DCO applications as between the offshore elements and the onshore installations

The Aldeburgh Society remains firmly of the view that SPR's proposed onshore installations – together with the cumulative effect of projected additional grid connections and the Sizewell C project - would be excessively damaging to our area, its natural and built environment, its inhabitants, its businesses, and its visitors. Green energy cannot be allowed to wreak such seismic trauma in our collective march towards net zero.

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