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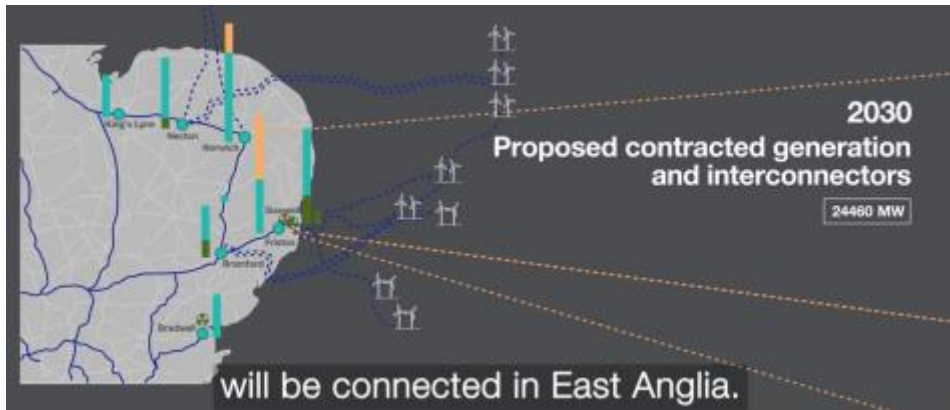
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A. INTRODUCTION

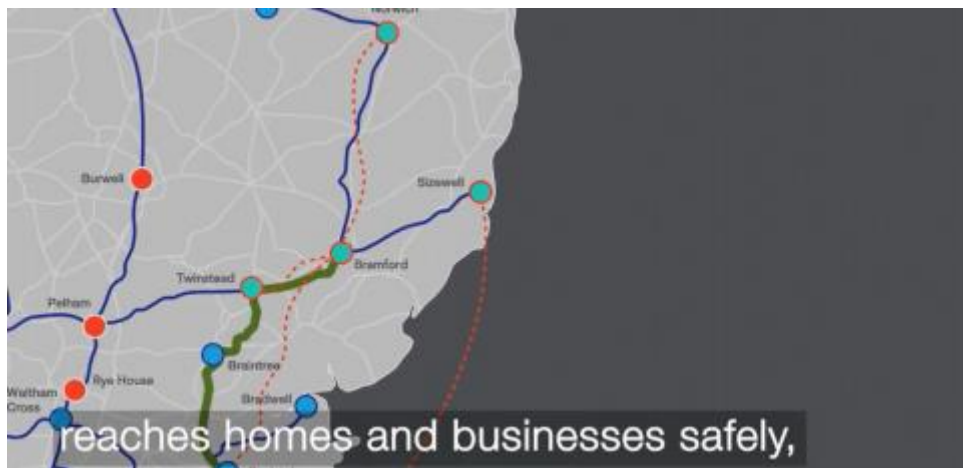
1. In this representation SEAS presents further new evidence from National Grid that Friston is destined to become an 'Energy Hub' should EA1N and EA2 be approved.
2. We have not sought to repeat the content of our submissions made at deadline 9 ([REP9-087](#)), deadline 8 ([REP8-242](#)) and deadline 5 ([REP5-115](#)), in addition to our original Written Representation submitted at Deadline 1 ([REP1-328](#)) on this topic. We maintain the position set out in each of these submissions.

B. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ADDITIONAL GRID CONNECTIONS IN THE FRISTON AREA

3. The Applicants 'appraisal' of additional projects to connect to the Grid should EA1N/EA2 be approved is wholly inadequate.
4. We stand by the position that to act in accordance with the requirements of NPS EN1 and the EIA Directive, the Applicant is bound to provide considerably more information. This should include comprehensive detail of **all energy projects** that are expected to be developed if EA1N and EA2 are consented.
5. Evidence for these additional projects has already been submitted in detail. Further evidence came to light on April 22 2021 when this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjazSaOKmpo> was uploaded onto National Grid's website, quite clearly showing National Grid's intention to make Friston into an Energy Hub.
6. On extracting a screenshot from this video (see below), two interconnectors can be seen to be connecting at Friston (presumably Nautilus and Eurolink) and **multiple wind farms** (not just EA1N and EA2). Please note Friston is hard to see from this screen shot but very clear from the youtube video.



7. A further screen shot (see below) shows another interconnector connecting in the 'Sizewell area' which must be SCD1.



8. This is just the latest of many pieces of evidence that show Friston is destined to become an energy hub for more than EA1N, EA2, Nautilus and Eurolink.

9. In light of this new evidence, **SEAS believes that the Examining Authority should re-ask NG-ESO to submit into the Examination full information with regard to the future possible grid connections via the National Grid Infrastructure at Friston should EA1N and EA2 be approved.** This should include SCD1 Interconnector and in the absence of any evidence from NGESO to support any other confirmed grid connection offer, North Falls Offshore Wind Farm. See SEAS Submission Deadline 9 Submission ([REP9-087](#)).

10. **It is imperative to fully understand the cumulative impacts of known future connections at this stage, as these current applications seek consent for the National Grid substation which, if approved, would identify Friston as a highly**

likely connection point for future projects and set a precedent in relation to later development.

11. As SASES say in their deadline 9 submission ([REP9-075](#)) "*if the National Grid NSIP was promoted as a separate DCO, any environmental assessment would necessarily have had to consider the cumulative effects of the energy projects which would connect to it. The approach to assessment cannot be different simply because the National Grid NSIP is promoted by Applicants for specific generating stations.*"

C. ALTERNATIVE GRID CONNECTIONS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE.

12. Regulation 14(2)(d) of the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 requires an Environmental Statement to provide a description of the reasonable alternatives studied by the applicant. The question that must surely be asked is what is the new location of the Grid Connection for Five Estuaries and is it a suitable alternative site for connection of EA1N and EA2.

D. CONCLUSION

13. This will become a substantial complex of industrial scale infrastructure in the midst of unspoilt rural Suffolk, unmitigable and indefensible given the alternatives available.