



The Planning Inspector

Final submission in respect of Scottish Power Renewables EA1 North and EA2

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It cannot have escaped the Planning Inspectors notice that the strength of opposition for the Scottish Power Renewables developments in this area of East Suffolk is enormous. They must also have realised that this opposition is based upon credible research and arguments.

Years of personal commitment have been given by residents passionate about preventing the destruction of a special area of East Suffolk. Notwithstanding this, many representations are firmly based not only on emotion but on sound professional expertise and systematic investigations in the areas of the DCO submission. When placed against Scottish Power Renewables submissions they highlight the shortcomings of the Applicant's research.

Should this plan be approved we in this village of Friston face a future which deprives us of any quality of life surrounded by industrialisation. With one stroke of the pen the residents of this area will be plunged into Dante's Inferno. It is regrettable the County and District Councils seem influenced by the vague appropriation of benefits from this scheme rather than focus on the long term interests and stability of the area. The councils' reasoning behind moving from a stance of firm opposition to this scheme to one of "neutrality" and the influence it has in potentially altering the balance should be made clear as it leaves our communities unsupported and exposed with the doors wide open for any developer to ride rough shod over the interests of this and any local area.

This may be the end of the examination process and we here in Friston may breathe a sigh but certainly not of relief as we face months of uncertainty waiting for a decision. We face anxiety, fear, and stress. This is compounded by the destruction and loss of amenities already we experience with the works happening throughout the area and this potentially continues, adding an extra year on to an already bleak future.

At this stage I have to have to hope that the quality of the arguments presented by my neighbours and friends in this small village will reflect the trustworthiness of the opposition to building such a development in this area. Scottish Power Renewables fundamental mistake at Bawdsey to Bramford brought this nightmare to our doorstep. Alternatives were not adequately explored. I now have to leave it in the hands of the inspector to make the right recommendation and the minister to uphold the quality of productive society in its every form.

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