

Re: EA1 North & EA2 final deadline 6th July 2021
EA1 (EN010077) Ref: 20023553 & EA2 (EN010078) Ref: 20023554

To the ExA team,

I fully support the final submissions made by both SASES and SEAS for this final deadline of the 6th July 2021.

As a resident of Friston Village and living in a Grade II listed house adjacent (and sharing curtilage) to the proposed substation site this entire process has been grueling from the start. Friston is not 'fit for purpose' as the site for these proposed Substations – evident to any sensible person willing to 'listen' to the facts.

It is extremely fortunate that amongst the local residents there has been an extraordinary pool of talented people who have had the acumen to understand this process and point out the endless flaws in SPR's application (not to mention there being the financial ability to fund the considerable costs).

Exposure to this process has been shocking. The sloppiness of the application, their outright gall to constantly claim that they had 'engaged' with the local community – which is simply NOT TRUE – was distressing. The lack of concern for the wonton destruction of this area, and the local economy, that enables this part of Suffolk to thrive beggared belief. The fact that the PINs team had to constantly facilitate SPR missing endless deadlines, thus making a mockery of the entire process, was a hard watch – there was no consequence to insensitise SPR to behave correctly and meet deadlines. The sudden extension of the process by three more months, when from the start the Action groups had raised their concerns of the limitations with the world being shut down by the COVID global pandemic (these impacts were far greater than just moving the process 'online') but you insisted that the deadlines were going to be kept to – this extension only benefited yourselves and the applicant – you gave SPR the advantage of trying to produce the figures and information from their failed deadlines and in so doing pushed up the costs of the community and actions groups (which were abiding by your rules and deadlines) - both from a 'time' perspective and you also ran up considerably more costs for SASES and SEAS's who had to respond to this tardy information.

If you pass this application you are opening the flood gates to enable 'big business' to do what ever they want to whom ever they want without recourse. I urge you to reject this application.

Best wishes
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