

Dear Mr Smith and Inspectors

**East AngliaOneNorth - EN010077 - Reference 20023458 & East Anglia Two Project - EN010078 - Reference 200023459**

Please find attached a video that I recorded on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The flooding of Grove Road, culminated as you can see at the culvert under the bridge. The flooding came down the length of Grove Road from the farm buildings opposite the bowling green, bringing with it a great deal of soil.

The soil has been piled up by the bridge culvert at the corner of Grove Road and Saxmundham Road and we are now faced with the uncertainty of who is going to clear it away, SCC or the Environment ? It is deemed to be contaminated with high levels herbicides from the spraying of the fields by the local landowner. As you may well be aware SPR have claimed that it was not their responsibility for the herbicides used by the landowner?? Please see below.

**Field Spraying**

*There have been various reports of field spraying to remove vegetation/weeds. The onshore site investigation works are being carried out in agricultural fields within the onshore development area. These agricultural fields are all privately owned and all works are carried out with landowners consent. SPR have not sprayed any form of weed killer or requested the landowners to do so on our behalf.*

*Landowners are free to continue their land management practices such as weed control, which is a regular occurrence on agricultural land and not undertaken as a result of, or in relation to, the ongoing site investigation works. SPR ecologists are regularly surveying and monitoring the agricultural fields prior to the commencement of, and through the onshore site investigation works.*

I question whether SPR could have done the very extensive archaeology and investigation works without the fields being made bare, and as we witnessed the landowners methods were very successful very quickly. The devastation to wildlife has been dramatic and I can attest to the fact that I have seen a noticeable decline of honey bees this year in my garden, I don't this is a coincidence.

Finally, let me sum up:

- Friston is the wrong place to build two substations, interconnectors et al. The site selection is bizarre and one presumes driven solely by perceived economics both by SPR and more importantly I suspect by National Grid. The impact on the village both in the short term and over the long term is total devastation. Residents are already struggling with mental health issues.
- Flooding in Friston is a very real and devastating possibility, which I suspect the Applicant has finally realised, bearing in mind that their long held belief that infiltration was the way forward. However their latest mitigation ideas are as unrealistic as infiltration.
- Bear in mind, and you must be aware of the other DCO's that are coming to Friston - Nautilus just as a starter – I believe we are facing another immediate DCO in regard to Nautilus' plans to come to Friston.
- National Grid's arrogance and refusal to engage directly with yourselves and the village has been beyond comprehension – is this privately owned organisation above the law?
- Impact on ecology in the SSI, ANOB, Wet woodland, Thorpeness, Friston village

- Traffic for the whole area will be untenable, traffic lights at Friday Farm are most certainly not the answer. Collapse of the Victorian drains of Leiston, has barely been discussed.
- Widespread loss of employment, with the loss of jobs in the tourism industry and other local employers.
- Potential closure of Aldeburgh Hospital, if the traffic issues are as severe as is predicted, it is a strong possibility that East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust will review the feasibility of running the services out of this small but vitally important hospital to the local community.
- Danger to life, as the emergency services will find it impossible to reach patients in time to save lives, devastating strokes, homes and businesses.
- Loss of Warden House, who will provide the bath facilities that are offered to those local residents who have no other way of accessing baths. (see reference to Aldeburgh hospital)
- Major disruption to Royal Mail, who will undoubtedly be unable to fulfil their legal responsibilities re the timely delivery of mail.
- Imminent danger to Thorpeness and the fragile cliffs. This year, quite probably since you carried out your site visits, there has been further loss of the beach at Thorpeness, and a number of houses on North End Avenue are under threat.
- Danger to life at Aldeburgh golf course.
- Rat runs, through the villages.
- Danger to cyclists, runners and pedestrians on all roads in and around the Heritage Coast.
- Loss of ancient footpath, with suggestion of resighting of footpath on Grove Road, being laughable and highly dangerous.
- Long term closure of many other footpaths.
- Uplift and where the soil will be taken has not been addressed.
- Devastation of tourism. One of the applicants admitted that he would not bring his wife and children to holiday in Friston or its close environs, going forward?
- Loss of livelihood of the Aldeburgh onshore fisherman, who though they are receiving compensation for loss of earnings currently, are not able to fish for crabs and lobsters. They are extremely unhappy, but I suspect they are subject to gagging orders?
- Noise – why is SPR so concerned about the noise from the substations being called “the Friston BUZZ/HUM” this is what it will be? I refer you to the article in the Press & Journal <https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/highlands/2807125/sse-hum-noise-substation/> regarding the **Balblair substation hum** – this situation MUST NOT be overlooked.
- Light pollution, for many years to come.
- Traffic and machinery pollution during the period of construction. You have been made aware of the fact that the pollution in Stratford St Andrew is already dangerously high, this situation will only be compounded with the daily vehicle movements and the nauseas diesel fumes from the heavy works machinery.

This list could go on and on.

CUMULATIVE IMPACT is at the heart of all opposition. You have been made aware that the vast majority of people who have opposed, and who continue to oppose, this application have stated that they support the construction of the windfarms. They are essential and a split decision is what is advocated.

I suspect that some will say that the UK is facing a situation similar to the devastation of a major war and there are always going to be casualties? That it is hard luck on the residents and ecology of East Suffolk's Heritage Coast but that is life. However, you yourselves have been made aware that there are far better options on brown field sites and that the technology definitely exists to protect the onshore communities from total ruin by using offshore ringmains and offshore substations (I refer you to Mulbarton Parish Council's submission).

I understand from reading the email traffic between yourselves and Scottish Power that you have struggled to assess all the submissions regarding this application? I hope that my summary bullet points will be of use? We too have been dramatically affected through the pandemic by child care constraints, running our businesses, caring for elderly and sick relatives and issues around technology.

Yours sincerely

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