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To the Secretary of State (BEIS) the Rt Hon Mr Kwasi Kwarteng MP

Dear Secretary of State,

On 2 November you requested further information from IPs on some aspects of the planning applications for EA1N and EA2.

I would like to make the following observations regarding flooding as a result of the building of the substations, and in particular the cumulative impact on the flooding, in the light of the climate change allowances specified by the Government. I live near the open culvert that flows from the substation site, alongside Church Path and down Low Road, and as you know this often overflows. It has been shown (e.g. by Suffolk County Council and SEAS) that the proposals made by Scottish Power to mitigate the flooding are inadequate, and in any case only apply to the vicinity of their substations and not to the surrounding area that it affects. We now know, which we didn't when this project was first mooted, that many other energy proposals have been made for the area, such as Nautilus who are proposing to build connection points in the area, possibly on the other side of Friston, or possibly adjoining the SPR substation site, and other proposals from Eurolink, UK Grid connectors SCD1/2, Five Estuaries and North Falls all to follow.

What this all points to, of course, is that there have been inadequate environmental surveys and insufficient cumulative impact assessment for the large number of energy projects under discussion for the area. As well as the risk of flooding, these proposals will wreck the peace and tranquillity of the village of Friston for ever, and, during the long construction phase, the many coastal and inland communities through which the cable route passes, and the fragile coralline crag coastline at which landfall is planned. The damage from noise, water, traffic, and associated issues to the lives and health of residents, and to the valuable tourism industry, will be absolutely immense, and certainly not compensated for by the very small amount of permanent employment that the projects would bring to the area.

Surely this destruction is not what the Government wants for countryside such as the Suffolk Heritage Coast, the AONB and the Sandlings, when there are off-shore hubs or brownfield-site alternatives?

Please will you recommend a split decision on this issue by consenting the off-shore turbines, but rejecting the onshore infrastructure in favour of full consideration of more suitable locations such as a brownfield or industrialised site. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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