

Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP



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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing to ask you to reject the proposals by Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid to create a new substation and connection hub at Friston. I fully support the continuing development of offshore electricity generation, and recognise that this will need new onshore infrastructure. But it is evident madness to pursue this through the industrialisation of prime greenfield sites, with connections being plastered all over an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty without any serious attempt at strategic coordination. What is obviously needed is a strategic plan to bring together onshore infrastructure on a brownfield site for example at Sizewell or, as Therese Coffey, our local MP has suggested, at Bradwell. There is a lot of local anger and concern about these proposals; and you will no doubt be aware of the risk of legal challenge on the grounds of irrationality if you permit them to proceed.

Yours sincerely

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