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Subject: SPR Planning Application

Dear Secretary of State, I attach my precised comments on the SPR planning application.

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Planning Application from Scottish Power Renewables in respect of East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia Two windfarms

Economic Impact

The area of East Anglia being proposed has a very high and important tourist industry which provides jobs and income directly and via a large number of ancillary services.

This coastal area stretches from Lowestoft in the north and includes Southwold, Walberswick, Dunwich, Thorpness, Aldeburgh, and all the villages inland and on the coast as far south as the river Orwell. The area would be decimated with visitors going elsewhere due to the hugely increased traffic, including heavy lorries, delays, disruption, dustclouds and flooding risks. The tourist attractions are many including traditional seaside and river activities and wildlife and walking in the abundant woods and vulnerable salt marshes.

Health and Welfare

The area has a large number of residents who have chosen to retire to the area to enjoy their remaining years. The stress and worry would be a major damage to health

of the residents combining with noise, dust, flood risk and large ugly structures. The plans would blight the residents for the remainder of our lives.

Friston

Friston is a fairly small village surrounded by very productive farm land. There are a number of listed properties with the church and adjacent thatched cottages (both listed) being directly in the view of the site.

There is also a postmill and associated cottages and mill owner's house that potentially could be developed into a major tourist site.

The village pub is excellent.

Alternatives

There are numerous alternatives. There are design plans by Imperial College Consultants due to report in early 2022 on offshore connections which could be used to coordinate all the multiple connections expected. There are studies by RPS Consultants commissioned to report on environmental and social impacts of the options. These must be in place before a decision is made.

There are a number of “brown field sites” for the connections which do not appear to have been considered. Bradwell in Essex is a large site, very close to the sea, with plenty of room for multiple connections if a coordinated approach is not approved.

(I know Bradwell well – [REDACTED]. The site is off the village on the seaward side)

I believe that the power lines would need boosting but this would be easily compensated for by the no longer required cumulative long distance trenches and structures. London and Kent are the major target supply areas and these are much closer to Bradwell.

Bradwell is supported by Therese Coffey our MP.

Another option is the Isle of Grain.

There are many airfields in Suffolk and there are also unused connections at Sizewell

There is also an existing site at Bramford.

Irrelevant comment

In the Sunday Times of 7th November [REDACTED] of Vattenfall headlined that the “English should stop being nimbys” She is Swedish and lives in Stockholm. A country with a small population in a very large area. We are a comparatively crowded country and the planning application by SPR is just the first of the many

Cumulative Projects planned by NGV

I am strongly in favour of renewable energy and I support the offshore windfarms which should be approved but the onshore connections are in the wrong place with the wrong technology and should not be approved.

This would mean that the windfarm offshore could commence but Friston is definitely the wrong place for the onshore connections.

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