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Dear Secretary of State and Examining Authority,

Reference: PINS Ref: EA1N: EN010077 and EA2: EN010078 and My Ref ID No 20023171 and 20023172.

I write as an interested party in the planning applications submitted by SPR regarding EA1N and EA2.

Yet again I wish to express my fervent opposition to the proposals submitted by SPR.

As time has moved on it has become more and more apparent that the original proposals were but the thin end of the wedge. The scheme has grown exponentially in size and the cumulative effect of these planned proposals - East Anglia One North Offshore Wind Farm (EA1N), East Anglia Two Offshore Wind Farm (EA2), Nautilus Interconnector, Eurolink Interconnector, and Sea Link Interconnector - combined with other projects that have been suggested - SCD2 Interconnector, North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm - will create a massive development of simply nightmare proportions.

If these plans are approved, the scale of the devastation and ruin they will bring to this unspoilt part of Great Britain simply beggars belief. Future generations will not thank those who have allowed the desecration of countryside that brings agricultural production and recreational relief for the benefit of so many. Pursuing the goal of 'Net Zero' at all costs by creating an energy hub on such a behemothian scale is not a sign of good planning and wise decision-making at a time when we are being urged to value and safeguard our environment. Suffolk has one of the most unspoilt environments in this country - it should not be sacrificed on the altar of 'green energy at any price'.

The objections to the proposals are not purely subjective and emotional. Anyone familiar with this area would recognise that the proposed multiple landfalls on shifting sandy cliffs are doomed to collapse and failure. Previous government instruments have sought to safeguard the natural environment by creating Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Protected Areas (SPA), into which categories fall Suffolk Coast and Heaths, the River Hundred, the Leiston-Aldeburgh SSSI, and the Sandlings SPA. These are now threatened by this horrific project.

The threat to wildlife habitats and protected species in this area has been spelt out in numerous representations. The experts at SPR seem wilfully to have ignored concerns raised about the effect their cable trench route will have on otters, water voles, bats and others, particularly at the River Hundred. Independent surveys carried out at critical times of the year are missing completely - to allow the project to go ahead without taking careful and detailed examination of these factors would imply a woeful disregard for the environment which would be criticised for generations to come.

It has been stated in numerous representations that 'the decline of the health and wellbeing of those impacted rural communities... will never be the same.' As a full-time inhabitant of Friston, the village that is likely to be swallowed up if these plans go ahead, I admit to feeling aggrieved not only by the plans in themselves but also indignant at the shoddy way in which I and all those affected have been treated by the cavalier and patronising approach of the applicant. When pressed for further information SPR has simply responded, 'there remains insufficient information to undertake the assessment requested.' Can an organisation that is so slapdash on detail really be trusted with delivering such a huge infrastructural project? And it is not only the applicant. These plans are part of National Grid's agenda - but where has this organisation been in all the deliberations? Conspicuous by their absence and, as SEAS has put it, 'their failure to present the full picture into the Examination is deliberate

obfuscation.'

As SEAS and many others have already stated this project will be 'a catastrophe for the Suffolk Coast and Heaths and the people living within it' if it goes ahead. Now is the time to quash these proposals as they stand before it is too late. I, along with others, have written to express support for our MP, the Rt Hon Dr Therese Coffey, and her proposal of a split decision which would favour the offshore project but reject the Friston-based onshore development, preferring alternative more suitable brownfield sites such as Bradwell or Grain - both areas that would sit better with the government's environmental policy. This would also allow time for a more thorough review by Ofgem/BEIS and a more considered overall strategy that takes into account the many and varied additional projects feeding into the overall threat to the Suffolk coastline.

I would urge that planning approval for these projects as they stand be denied.

Yours faithfully,

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