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The Secretary of State (BEIS) The Rt Hon Mr Kwasi Kwarteng MP
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
1 Victoria Street
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Dear Sir

PINS Ref: EA1N: EN010077 and EA2: EN010078 and Ref ID No 20023248 and 20023249

As an interested party, I'm writing in response to your letter of 20th December 2021 regarding protected species as I am deeply concerned to read news this month of yet another interconnector (SEA LINK) that NGET is intending to connect into the Sizewell area. SPR's application has deliberately blurred the full picture by not acknowledging NG's intention to build several additional energy projects and the Examining Authority has not been presented with the true full picture for consideration. The launch of Nautilus and NGV's confirmation of Eurolink and now SEA LINK too are firm evidence that the proposal for the NGET substation, which is part of SPR's application for EA1(N) and EA2, is merely the foundation for an enormous energy hub at Friston. This is totally incompatible with the landscape, heritage coastline and the cultural and nature tourism on which the local economy depends. SPR's application has failed to produce an adequate cumulative impact assessment of (so far) five energy projects requiring multiple cable routes through our fragile coastline and the construction of multiple substation sites in the heart of our Suffolk countryside, close to the village of Friston and the world-leading cultural site at Snape Maltings.

This area of coastal Suffolk is a success story (ref: [REDACTED]) in a county that has struggled to recover from the last recession and where deprivation levels have increased owing to factors including low employment and wages (ref: Suffolk Community Foundation's [REDACTED]). The proposed onshore substations at Friston bring almost no long-term jobs to the local area yet threaten thousands of jobs connected to nature tourism which is a major magnet. Many of us remember the empty sites in Aldeburgh and the surrounding towns that used to appear in the spring as businesses struggled and failed to keep going over the long winter months. Year-round visitor tourism has grown in recent years and if SPR's plans were to proceed, [REDACTED] shows a predicted 15% decline in tourism which amounts to an economic loss of over £300 million during the 12-year construction period.

The energy hub at Friston is just a few miles from, and alongside the A1094 access road to, the world-leading [REDACTED] cultural site at Snape Maltings one of the UK's leading nurturers of young talent in the creative arts and a world-class concert hall. To blight a landscape that continues to inspire thousands of musicians, educators, students, producers, artists and performers each year as it has done for over 70 years and that draws audiences and practitioners from all over the world makes no sense when more suitable brownfield sites for the onshore infrastructure exist.

I urge you to accept The Rt Hon Dr Therese Coffey MP's proposal for a split-decision and consent to the offshore turbines but firmly reject SPR's current onshore infrastructure plans in favour of an alternative location on a brownfield or industrialised site, where the adverse impacts can be minimized.

Please don't allow SPR's plans for the onshore infrastructure to threaten our thriving local tourist economy

- Please don't allow SPR to damage our fragile heritage coast
- Please don't allow the intolerable noise, light and air pollution of SPR's onshore construction to damage the health and wellbeing of local residents
- Please don't allow SPR's plans to damage the prosperity of the area in a county that has struggled to recover from the last recession and has become even more deprived in its aftermath.
- Please don't allow SPR to damage a success story that creates over 14,660 jobs representing 15.5% total employment in favour of an onshore energy hub that brings no employment benefits to the area
- Please don't allow SPR to blight a landscape that continues to inspire diverse musicians, performers, children and creators as it has done for over 70 years.

Please listen to Dr Coffey, to the findings of local campaign groups [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and to the many local residents who care deeply about the area and are committed to supporting local businesses, culture and heritage.

Best wishes

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