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FINAL SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS BY SCOTTISH POWER FOR EA1N AND EA2 PROJECTS

Interested Party: Michael Laschet. PINS References: 20023337/8

EA1N: EN010077 and EA2: EN010078

The colossal industrial- scale Hub of Energy Projects planned for the quiet medieval village of Friston is wholly disproportionate. Research by the Destination Management Organisation of Suffolk County Council estimates that connecting the above wind farms by 9 kilometres of cable to the National Grid will damage the local thriving tourist economy worth 40 million GBP a year and many jobs will be lost.

Another 3 huge Interconnectors are also planned to link up with the Grid - Sealink, Eurolink and Nautilus. The cumulative impact will devastate the lives and ecology of this area. Evidence has already been submitted of the rare habitats that will be lost for good. Peoples' lives will be ruined by noise air and light pollution which will last for years. The landfalls on the fragile coast already seriously affected by erosion may well be ruinous to it. The hinterland contains protected species.

The situation has been made difficult by the refusal of the National Grid to release details of the onshore Hub it is planning. Furthermore SPR is not giving details of its estimate of the cumulative impact of the projects. It claims unconvincingly that there is "insufficient information to undertake the assessment requested" in spite of the wealth of data available. The adverse impacts seem to outweigh the benefits.

A solution proposed by our MP, The Right Honourable Therese Coffey, is a split decision. An offshore Hub to co-ordinate the projects and to route the cables to a Brownfield site near the coast. Several are available. This would also allow time for Ofgem/BEIS to improve onshore energy structure by using fewer cables for Brownfield sites.

Finally, to stress that there is widespread support for renewables but not at unnecessary damage and pollution. It's important to do it right!

