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Dear Secretary of State, I write once again, in response to your invitation for comments re Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) application for consent for their EA1N and EA2 projects.

As with many other respondents, I am a supporter of renewable energy, but emphasise that surely energy projects MUST be 'green' energy and not destructive of natural habitats, flora, fauna and the lives and livelihoods of village residents on whom these projects will impact.

In your letter you ask for comments on Flooding and Badger sets. I am not an expert in either of these topics, but I can state already from the preliminary works undertaken by SPRs site investigations, that they are a company with little regard for either the villagers of Friston or those residents that will be impacted by the proposed onshore landfall and cable routes, nor I they an organisation with any respect whatsoever for the local wildlife and birdlife.

From the outset SPR's site selection for this project has been flawed: the RAG assessment did not cover surface water flooding, despite requests from villagers in Friston, they refused to undertake investigations into local flooding problems, indeed it was only in the latter stages of the Examination period that they conducted infiltration testing - which was then not up to required standards, whatismore their own Flood Risk Assessment notes a high and medium flood risk at the substations' site!

It would seem that despite the efforts and information given to SPR by local residents they refuse to understand the limits of the Friston watercourse and the context of flooding in the village and around the roads, especially the A1094. Even before contemplating the prospect of pouring concrete onto acres of agricultural land and the ongoing effect on wildlife and the natural world, one needs only to look at recent flooding events in the village, to come to the conclusion that this is not the best site for the construction of the proposed substations and likely future infrastructures that are already in the public domain, for other 'energy' interconnections.

Why is it that alternative cable routes and viable connection points on brownfield and industrial sites were never provided or explored for the EA1N and EA2 projects? There are better and more appropriate locations for the onshore infrastructure associated with the EA1n and EA2 wind farms - these must be investigated and questions asked of SPR, the developers.

Rest assured that if given consent, Friston is at risk of increased flooding from these projects, at both the construction and operational phases.

I have already alluded to SPR's lack of interest in preserving wildlife: this was evident during their site investigations and their 'conclusions' about the absence of badger setts on the proposed substation site. The areas that local residents could access during this period reflected he Applicant's (SPRs) lack of concern for wildlife - and I go beyond the badgers to include birdlife: the disregard for the welfare of ground nesting birds during their investigations was shocking - no longer was heard the sound of the skylarks and lapwings!

I can only plead with you Secretary of State, to refuse consent to the Applicant, SPR, for the Onshore Infrastructure associated with their proposed EA1N and EA2 projects. Let SPR construct the turbines at sea, if this is appropriate, but do not allow their lack of concern, rigour and poor planning to destroy this area of East Suffolk. If you grant consent then it is clear that there will be numerous other energy infrastructures headed this way. SPR, in their Application, have failed to consider the cumulative impact of their proposals with other projects already in the public domain. This small area of Suffolk cannot bear the brunt of what is likely to come this way. We already know that Sizewell C is firmly in the eyes of the Government as a way forward to produce the energy our country needs. You yourself have seen, I am sure, the proximity of Sizewell to the proposed SPR construction sites - it is just too much for this fragile and unique part of England to withstand and survive.

Yours,

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