



Beach View Holiday Park, Sizewell Common, Leiston IP16 4TU

30<sup>th</sup> January 2022

IP EA1N: 20024928

IP EA2: 20024929

The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng  
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy c/o PINS

Dear Sir,

We welcome this final opportunity to make a response to the BEIS request for additional consultation on EA1N & EA2 proposals. Our response seeks to ensure you are fully aware of the fragile nature of the sand cliffs here and that you are personally satisfied that proposals are safe given the fragile nature of the cliffs?

We were disappointed you did not explore the area, or meet with local people and businesses when you were here on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022, to announce the £100million of tax payers money in funding towards Sizewell C. This announcement was a little concerning given that you have not yet made a judgement on the DCO application for Sizewell C DCO.

Our family tourism business Beach View Holiday Park is located just 1.5 miles north of the proposed cable landing zone for EA1N & EA2 cables. We have 15 years' experience of being a neighbour along these cliffs, we have seen the effects of the environment on cliff stability (winter storms, periods of hot dry weather and wet, windy weather). For many years the cliffs have mostly avoided serious erosion, with just occasional isolated cliff fall.

We are alarmed that Scottish Power believe these same soft sandy cliffs will cope with heavy machinery on the beach and cliff tops, vibrations from HD drilling, going on day and into the night, for an extended period. No one in Scottish Power's team has been able to explain how their drilling/pilling and machinery will not destabilise the cliffs, as for providing assurances in the DCO submissions, we cannot find these or for that matter much detail at all about precautionary measures.

The additional submission made by Alison Andrews Chairman of the Alde and Ore Association 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 highlight the lack of pre-investigational work carried out by Scottish Power in early scoping for cable landing zones. Worryingly it seems geological investigation works have only been carried out in the few months post PINs examinations. This is not surprising seeing as most of SPRs early work devising these projects appeared to have been 'desk based' and completed remotely using online maps and rudimentary tools available to amateurs. It is hard to have any faith in a company that approaches the planning of hugely invasive industrial projects in a sensitive location and AONB in such an amateurish way.

Alarm bells are ringing in the vicinity of SPRs cable landing zone from worried residents and businesses like our own tourism venue, Sizewell Hall & the Wardens Center. Local businesses are surprised there has not been stronger objection on the cable landing proposals from our Suffolk authorities or the Environment Agency.

**Who is responsible for ensuring our cliffs and coastline are protected from potential damage attributable to heavy construction work associated with all these energy projects?**

**What is the opinion of experts on the suitability of horizontal drilling under the sand cliffs?**

**Why does each energy project require cable landing, trenching and months/years of disruption?**

**&, Where is the coordination?**

We now have National Grid sniffing around the AONB for more cable landing zones and development sites for National Grids Nautlius & Sealink projects. National Grid seems to think it is suitable to look again and again to the Suffolk coast and our AONB to onshore cables and to provide acres of countryside for development of industrial substations and convertor stations for new energy projects. We put it to you that National Grid are out of control and unfit to continue to be granted the authority to make grid connection offers. Too much damage and destruction is happening, even in protected landscapes that until now have been preserved in law by protected status.

**Why aren't energy projects linked up and cables brought in a single operation for multiple projects?**

The lack of coordination is inexcusable, and you have this opportunity to pause and use EA1N & EA2 proposals to revert SPR & National Grid back to revisit connections for EA1N & EA2 and future projects. Surely an exemplary solution can be devised to bring connections onshore in a less sensitive location. An opportunity to develop a multi-point connection in an appropriate location, where industrial development is less damaging, whether this is at a repurposed 'existing' connection point or redeveloped brownfield site (e.g. Bacton, Bramford, Bradwell), or at a new location closer to London and the south east where most of the energy demand lies.

### **Cumulative Impact**

We are seeing an unsustainable and unviable approach to energy procurement in the UK. A failure by National Grid and energy project developers to consider the impact of other projects, or even attempt to coordinate projects for least damaging solutions.

People in Suffolk are losing faith that this government is capable to deal with these huge energy projects. Projects that are being given the go-ahead by BEIS and allowed to cause repeated damage to the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB and nearby countryside.

In Suffolk along our ecologically important coast, this government is increasingly being seen as a major contributor to the destruction of our 50-year-old AONB. An AONB that incorporates RSPB Minsmere, a landscape successfully protected until now, until your stewardship.

**Please take this opportunity to get things right. Not to accept the quick fix offered by National Grid and developers.**

Yours sincerely,

David, Sylvia Thorp & Family  
Beach View Holiday Park