

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 November 2021 17:28

**To:** Secretary Of State (Kwasi Kwarteng) <[Secretary.State@beis.gov.uk](mailto:Secretary.State@beis.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Offshore Coordination <[offshore.coordination@beis.gov.uk](mailto:offshore.coordination@beis.gov.uk)>;  
[info@nautilusinterconnector.com](mailto:info@nautilusinterconnector.com); [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Objection To Unnecessary Large Scale Industrialisation of the Suffolk Coast

Dear Kwasi Kwarteng,

As you are aware, our Suffolk coast is currently subject to a number of offshore energy proposals by Scottish Power Renewables and National Grid. This includes a new NG connection hub at Friston. This was embedded in the Scottish Power applications **without public consultation**. If consented, the onshore infrastructure for these projects would lead to the irreversible industrialisation of the rural, fragile and beautiful area in which we live and work, and severely damage our naturebased tourism economy.

We urge you please to recommend a split decision when making your decision on Scottish Power's EA1N & EA2 projects and the National Grid connection hub. This would mean that the offshore turbine installation could commence without delay while providing the necessary time to:

- fully evaluate the cumulative impact of all the energy projects proposed for this area, including the Sizewell C project
- develop a plan to maximise connection infrastructure out to sea, or under the sea, in order to minimise the amount of onshore construction
- choose a grid connection on a brownfield or pre-industrialised site
- ensure that the grid connection is chosen in line with the government's own commitment to protect AONBs and provide more protection for the environment
- ensure that the opportunity is taken now to get this right

National Grid Ventures have already begun their non-statutory public consultation for their Nautilus Interconnector project with a connection at Friston that hasn't yet been consented. It is clear that consent for SPR's EA1N & EA2 onshore proposals would start a domino effect that would have dire consequences for the protected landscapes of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths area and the lives of everyone that lives here. We therefore urge you, please, to take this opportunity to pause before it is too late so that onshore solutions can be found that minimise the destruction of the environment and our communities.

Yours sincerely,  
Sarah Sagers