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Subject: OFH 4 & 5 - SEAS speakers

Hi Glynis,

Thank you for your correspondence below and shortlist of names to whom Suffolk Energy Action Solutions (SEAS) have issued their unique reference number.

We understand from Deadline 1 that SEAS have put forward numerous members to speak at an OFH event, however we would remind you that organisations are typically provided with 10 minute speaking time and to ensure fairness for all parties/organisations/statutory parties wishing to have an opportunity to speak at such an event we would suggest that SEAS nominates one person to speak on behalf of the organisation.

We understand, that some parties as identified within your email; namely Sarah Whitelock, Derek Wyatt, David Wyber, Jane Baker and Georgina King were issued with SEAS unique reference number to register their wish to speak at OFH1-5. We would advise you, that the unique reference number issued to SEAS for both East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two, specifically relate to SEAS as a registered Interested Party (IP) and we would strongly recommend that you do not provide your reference to any other parties. The case team will be monitoring the use thereof to ensure that SEAS views and/or representations is not misused.

The parties listed above have provided written submissions to the Examination using SEAS reference number and to ensure that these submissions align with SEAS values/objections/support etc, we would be grateful if you could ask them to submit their concerns to you so SEAS can put their issues forward into the Examination. This is to ensure fairness towards and equivalent with other non-IPs, who are not accorded speaking rights.

The Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and the Examination Procedure Rules (2010) (EPR) provide for a system where a right to become involved in an Examination is accorded to those who register as IPs by submitting a relevant representation - up to the end of the relevant representation period, in this instance the closing date was 27 January 2020. People who did not register as IPs by this date have no right under the PA2008 and/or the EPR to involvement within the Examination as an IP, unless invited under the discretion of the ExA to become an "Other Person".

In exercising discretion to invite people to become involved as Other Persons the ExAs will consider:

- whether the person concerned has raised new but in principle important and relevant issues that - without their participation as an Other Person - might not be ventilated in the Examinations; and/ or
- whether the specific knowledge or expertise of the person or access to evidence provided by them will assist the ExAs' Examinations in a way that could not be achieved without their participation as an Other Person.

It will follow that Other Person invitations will not routinely be issued to persons raising matters that have already been raised, in the absence of any special knowledge or expertise, or access to new evidence on important and relevant matters.

If an individual is not invited to participate as an Other Person, they can make their views known to participating organisations who can ensure that the issues that concern them are raised.

We would remind parties to review the PA2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent, specifically paragraphs 16-20 that provides a definition of an “interested party” and paragraphs 32-34 which outlines guidance on “other persons”.

We trust you find this information satisfactory.

Kind regards

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