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Written Representation – James Sheringham 20012866

Expanding upon my Relevant Representation already submitted.

I am writing as a Parish Councillor for Fransham, and as a local resident and Farmer. Necton has recently seen two substations built adjacent to Necton village and visible from 3 further villages. The cable corridor ran through my farm so I have first-hand experience of the affects and damage caused.

I strongly object to this planning application for the reasons outlined below.

Unrecoverable damage to the environment

Vattenfall's proposal would impact the livelihoods and wellbeing of farmers who rely on the land to make their business profitable and make their living. Listed below are the specific impacts that this project will cause to a large number of farmers and to Norfolk residents.

- Soil damage in the wide cable route areas





Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm cable corridor

-Land drains will have to be cut to lay cables, leading to flooding in areas in and around the cable corridor.





Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm cable corridor – 32 land drains cut in just one field

- Cables heating up the soil impacting on future crop production
- Junction bays have to be installed resulting in further loss of crop able land
- The cable corridor will prevent access to fields and segregate certain areas of fields leading to crop loss
- It will cause years of unnecessary mental and financial suffering to farmers and landowners
- Destruction of fully established trees and hedges
- It would force wildlife out of their habitats

Alternative Solutions

- A marine cable connection around the coast into Walpole would prevent the cable route coming 47km across the Norfolk countryside, and eliminating the need for new substations or any expansions. This would result in other wind farms having the ability to connect to it if required.
- A connection could be made on any suitable pylon on the 400KV overhead existing cable lines, which would reduce the distance the cable would have to come inland and provide a larger search area for a suitable site away from houses or villages.

Vattenfall could minimise the cable route and find a far more suitable site away from villages nearer the coast, or could not have it inland at all. The site they have proposed is clearly the cheapest option which disregards the welfare of villages, farmland and wildlife. As a landowner and farmer I care very much about the countryside and its future. Building

further large industrial structures that harm the environment and the local population in the ways that have been outlined when there are far better alternatives would be a travesty to allow.