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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Given the many representations talking about the visual effects of the Vanguard (and Boreas) substations + the National Grid extensions - all in Necton, we could like to submit the following comments and hope that you will see fit to include them.

Recently Mr Alok Sharma, Secretary of State, spoke about allowing onshore wind to compete again at auctions.

One comment he made meant a lot to us in Necton.

He said, that in England, communities will have a final say and no onshore wind farm will be built without communities' approval. As well as saying there will be new guidelines for developers to ensure that communities have a say in whether projects can proceed.

https://www.power-technology.com/news/uk-allow-construction-onshore-wind-solar-farms/?fbclid=IwAR2nJ5bF121KyGllpLwCqcOyyvIUtxD9LO5_VnBv6SowbacNobgb0RVOHYY

We would respectfully ask if Mr Sharma (new to the job of Secretary of State for this infrastructure !) is aware fully of the terrible burden offshore wind puts on communities, who feel ignored and disregarded by developers. There is the very real horror of cable corridors slicing back and forth across East Anglia in particular, and the permanent destruction brought about by other infrastructure such as substations.

We have enclosed an accurate, to scale simulation of the Vanguard substation, which was created by Julian Pearson of Holme Hale Parish Council, another village affected. (and there could we be its twin, Boreas, built next to it, doubling the size). This simulation contains a large barn belonging to Necton Farms, which is really huge and is certainly the biggest agricultural style building for many miles around. There are no industrial units in this area apart from the (relatively small) Dudgeon offshore, onshore substation, which will be dwarfed by the Vattenfall projects). The green buildings represent just the converter halls of the Vanguard substations - and added to this (for both projects if both go ahead) will be National Grid extensions, other electrical equipment covering over 50 acres, and affecting 3 farms, as well as cabling and new pylons.

This all within a circle of 5 communities, who believed that by accepting the Dudgeon substation had 'done their bit' for renewable energy.

Thank you for your attention, and we apologise if this approach is unorthodox.
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