

SWARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Our Ref. H3WF-SP073

HORNSEA PROJECT THREE OFFSHORE WIND FARM (EN010080)

Comments on Relevant Representations Ref: RR-035

Deadline 1, November 7th 2018

Dear Sirs

We write to comment on the Relevant Representations made to you by Norfolk County Council (your reference RR-035) in so far as they are directly relevant to residents of the Parish of Swardeston.

We do not agree with Norfolk County Council's view that a twenty five metre high converter station situated close to residential properties in the ancient parish of Swardeston as mentioned in the Domesday Book is preferable to a booster station, which may be situated in open countryside far from view of any existing residential communities and which may be successfully screened from occasional passers-by by suitable landscaping.

Norfolk County Council express their concern for businesses and communities that may be adversely affected by the construction works. We are of the opinion that more concern should be shown for those communities – of which there is only one, namely the Parish of Swardeston – which will be adversely affected not only during the construction works but also during the twenty five or perhaps even fifty year operational phase of the project.

We note that Norfolk County Council would welcome a secondary connection to the National Grid somewhere along the cable route to support housing and employment growth – presumably in north Norfolk. We would suggest that if this is indeed a major concern then the only appropriate transmission solution, in order to minimise the extent, scope and height of the necessary supporting infrastructure, is HVAC.

Norfolk County Council have expressed concerns regarding safe access to the site of the HVDC Converter/HVAC Substation (para 1.25). We would like the precise location of this access to be chosen based not only on road traffic safety but also with a view to minimising the removal of the mature hedge and trees along the frontage with the B1113.

Yours faithfully

Derek Barber (Chair)

For Swardeston Parish Council