Thanet Extension Offshore Wind - EN010084 -

08.02.19 - Further written submission by Ian Hide -

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My previous written submission still stands and all I will say is that in listening to the presentations I feel that it is a case of -

- Wrong location for the 250 meter high masts too much visual impact on a tourist area. Friends of mine visiting have already said about the current schemes impact and that being near to the London array it is too much in one area. Now a local councilor has said she is receiving comments from visitors to that effect and that is before expansion is built.
- 2. Wrong location as encroaching on the busiest shipping lane there is would be like taking the middle lane out of a busy motorway.
- 3. As a result an accident would be waiting to happen with possibly loss of life and difficulty in rescuing people within a high density of wind turbines as this wind farm is close to the huge London Array wind farm.
- 4. Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd have shown total contempt for local fishing industry, as expressed by the fishing industry representatives and in a Channel Four documentary series The Channel shown a year or so ago.
- 5. Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd have shown total contempt to the port authorities and shipping industry - there was a comment to that effect by one of the Tug Pilots and the Port of London Authority had a long and credible list of concerns that Vattenhall Wind Power Ltd appear to disregard and in additional there are submissions from Port of Sheerness voicing concerns about the impact on the shipping lanes.
- The new turbines at 250 meters are high interesting technology but this is the wrong location, maybe more suitable for a location like the Dogger Bank wind farm.
- 7. Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd seem to have no regard for the bird life and I have not forgotten a joke in bad taste at one of their public presentations a few years where they were sarcastic about birds and suggested residents try to catch the birds in a net. Not a sociably responsible company?