From: Norfolk Borea

Subject: Comments Regarding the Norfolk Boreas EN010087 Masterplan.

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Dear Secretary of State,

I am very concerned about Norfolk Boreas's Onshore Project Substation Masterplan.

The Masterplan manages to avoid providing any actual information regarding the extra measures needed to evaluate and negate the cumulative impacts arising from both the Vanguard and Boreas projects.

The few vague considerations mentioned are just reiterating their existing design intentions.

As a long term resident and land owner in Ivy Todd, I am familiar with the topography to the south of the substation site and I have contended throughout the Boreas planning examination concerns regarding the accuracy of the photo montage visualisations provided by the applicant. My concerns are documented in my submissions to the Planning Inspectorate and go some way to working out the inaccuracy. This is unbearably concerning, considering the long term implications resulting from the underestimation of the visual impacts caused by the cumulative effects of the combined projects. Especially if the size and scale of the construction is fully appreciated, which in plain terms is equivalent to 8 Angels of The North linking hands, positioned on a high plateau. The existing albeit small Dudgeon substation needs to be used as an example to demonstrate the effectiveness of tree planting as a visual mitigation measure, to gauge the possible effectiveness regarding 19m high buildings.

Operational noise is another concern, with a noise limit being set considerably above the monitored average background noise level. This is in a rural tranquil area, not in an industrial or even urban area. I have tried to bring this to attention throughout the Boreas examination also, as well as the possible flooding risk in Ivy Todd with the drainage water from Dudgeon, Vanguard and Boreas all discharging through the stream through Ivy Todd and the bridge which is a pinch point that causes floods already.

These points I feel need addressing pre application consent, with some solid design proposals, instead of being allowed to be addressed holistically after permission has been granted, at the applicants and local authorities discretion.

The applicant states that it likes to work closely and consults with local residents. All the responses to my concerns are documented on the Planning Inspectorate's website and I am not content with any of the explanations, and none of my concerns have been addressed which I and many more residents are expected to live with, in the shadow of this development.