

Objection to the Proposed Development

Residents of Norfolk are being asked not merely to accept the negative impacts of the Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal Extensions, but to accept them in combination with Norfolk Vanguard, Boreas, Hornsea Three, an ever increasing number of battery storage installations, and a new pylon route to London. This is being asked, in the interests of climate change, by a process of public examination.

In the opinion of this resident, the output of the Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal extensions should be maximised and construction should be completed in a single phase using a grid connection point at Sutton Bridge, with the exclusion of battery storage. A grid connection at Walpole would be the second best option and a 'split DCO' recommendation would facilitate either of these outcomes.

The suggestion that the Norfolk Vanguard, Boreas and Hornsea Three projects are entitled to assert precedence over the Proposed Development is not justified. In the event that those projects proceed unchallenged, the application as submitted would not be acceptable due to the cumulative onshore impact of all of the proposed offshore wind projects across the county of Norfolk and its coastline.

This raises the prospect of the least harmful project being refused whilst the most damaging ones, which have never been properly examined as a combination of projects, are allowed to go ahead.

Approval of the Proposed Development as submitted would apparently be dependent on the costly and ill-considered East Anglia Green pylon route going ahead, bringing further harm to the natural environment across the counties of Norfolk, Sussex and Essex at the expense of the final consumer.

Even if, however, the Norfolk Vanguard, Boreas and Hornsea Three projects together with the East Anglia Green pylon route and the associated battery storage were to be withdrawn, there would still be an overall advantage in adopting a grid connection point near to the Sutton Bridge power station for the Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal extensions.

The application as submitted is not acceptable.