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Why have comments closed and why was I not informed due to the CUMULATIVE IMPACT AND HARM near where I live?

I urge the Inspectors to examine very carefully the CUMULATIVE impact of the projects proposed in this part of East Anglia and the ALTERNATIVES which would reduce the harm while still meeting the need for the project.

The Inspectors will be aware that 'functional interdependence is key. (Burridge v Breckland DC 2013[1] and Wingfield, R v Canterbury City Council 2019[2]) It means where one part of a development could not function without another it may indicate that they constitute a single project.

In this case, functionally interdependent projects include Five Estuaries Wind Farm, North Falls Wind Farm, Tarchon Interconnector and National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury (NGET) project. They cannot function without each other.

The Inspectors must consider alternatives that meet the need to connect offshore wind farms to the transmission infrastructure while minimising harm.

The Inspectors must also consider other documentation ('Grid Connection Optionality - Worst Case Assessment') from the sister project of North Falls, Five Estuaries, which found that for every Environmental Impact Assessment topic listed, the worst case arose from the onshore connection option.

Furthermore, the co-location of the North Falls' substation with NGET's substation, Five Estuaries substation, Tarchon's substation and likely Tarchon's converter station leads to severe cumulative harm that outweighs project benefits.

Offshore coordination with a landing point at brownfield near to where the power is needed is essential, reduces harm to the environment and communities and saves money.

Will the inspectors look into ALL points in detail during the examination?