

To: The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP

As a Suffolk Coastal resident, I am writing to express my concerns about the proposals for the two ScottishPower Renewables offshore wind projects, East Anglia One North (EA1N) and East Anglia Two (EA2), and for the proposed Sizewell C power station.

It is essential for these proposals to be considered alongside each other, bearing in mind the huge impact that either or both could have on this important and valuable environment. Such projects would be seriously damaging to the tourism and cultural activity on which the local economy depends.

If there were no existing power station at Sizewell, a proposal to build one there - on a fragile, nationally protected coastal area - would be unthinkable in the context of today's awareness of environmental issues. Sizewell C would be Europe's biggest construction site and take 12-15 years to complete. This is totally inappropriate for an area which is subject to erosion and close to Minsmere reserve and its adjacent Sites of Special Scientific Interest. In addition, insufficient consideration has been given to traffic congestion and pollution which would result. The Sizewell C project should not go ahead.

In relation to the EA1N and EA2 proposals, the many offshore windfarms coming onstream need to be linked to an undersea grid to bring the power onshore at a place closer to main population centres, as is already happening in Belgium and Holland. To facilitate this approach, the offshore turbines could be recommended for consent, while the onshore infrastructure should be rejected in favour of full consideration of better locations where the adverse impacts could be minimised at a brownfield or existing industrial site. The current proposals are unacceptable, bearing in mind the fragility of the coastal environment and the existential threat to the village of Friston.

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