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Dear Examining Authority

In view of the fact that Thursday the High Court ruled that Norfolk Vanguard windfarm be quashed due to the cumulative impact not being fully assessed I believe that there is a strong need for a split decision to be implemented for these two projects .EAIN and EA 2 The impact of last weeks judgement is likely to have a wide -ranging impact, especially given the various applications for offshore wind developments . No longer will developers be able to hide behind the permissive legislation for National Significant Infrastructure Projects without fully considering the cumulative impacts on the environment and, alternatives for their projects , which they were actually always required to do by law. If the examining authorities recommended the consent of the offshore proposals with the proviso all installations are acceptable to stakeholder concerns over the statutory purposes of the AONB affected by these proposals , but reject the onshore infrastructure in favour of full consideration of better locations for this infrastructure where the adverse impacts are minimised as at a brownfield site .

Hence a split decision would mean that no time is wasted with respect to the construction of the offshore turbines but would give the opportunity to rethink the onshore aspects of this project to fall in line with current government aspirations. As stated in:-

The Energy White Paper recently published

We will safeguard our cherished landscapes, restore habitats for wildlife in order to combat climate change, all whilst creating green jobs.

To minimise the impact on local communities, we will implement a more efficient approach to connecting offshore generation to the mainland grid.

As an interested party I have participated throughout the course of the hearings and I think one thing has become clear, the adverse impacts of this particular onshore site location substantially out weigh the benefits of the application when taken as a whole.

Needless devastation, as there are alternative sites available which could avoid the destruction of this area these being brownfield sites.

These Applications have come at an unprecedented time of consensus around the importance of offshore wind in reducing the UK's carbon emissions and meeting the governments 2030 offshore wind targets .

They have also come at an unprecedented time of consensus around the acutely detrimental impacts of radial connections which these Applications propose .There are still 9 years to go until the Government's 2030 offshore wind targets . There is time for Scottish Power Renewables, National Grid and the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy to get this planning application right without jeapardising these important targets

It was mentioned by Scottish Power Renewables at the last hearing that Bradwell had been discounted as they stated the site had faired less well. for their proposals.

I am still not convinced that Bramford should not be reconsidered for the substations . There are sites elsewhere along this coast but it still remains the case that a MOC or MOG however you like to term offshore multiple connection point is the correct way to deliver the energy .

I endorse all that has been said by Dr T Coffey ,SEAS and SASES. Suffolk County Council at the cabinet meeting on Tuesday quoted Projects will not be supported unless the harms of the projects ,alone as well as cumulatively and in combination with other projects, are adequately reorganised ,assessed,appropriately mitigated and if necessary compensated for . Yours Sincerely Mrs P Dorcey