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Dear Sir/Madam,

**East Anglia One (North) and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarms.**

**SUFFOLK PRESERVATION SOCIETY Ref no: 20023705**

**Re: request for information from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy 20 December 2021**

The Suffolk Preservation Society (SPS) acknowledges the contribution that renewable energy will make towards securing the Nation's future energy needs. However, in our previous written representations we have consistently raised strong objections to the selection of the Friston site for the EA1(N), EA2 and National Grid onshore substations which will result in significant harm to the landscape, and designated and undesignated heritage assets. In our representation of 6 July 2021, at the close of the Examination, we urged that the Secretary of State be advised to return a split decision.

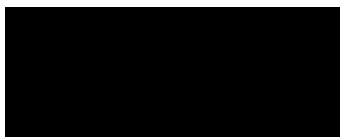
In the request for information, dated 20 December 2021, comment on a number of both offshore and onshore impacts is sought including those relating to flood risk at the Friston site. The 2021 changes to the NPPF are highlighted and comments are invited on the Applicant's previous response on this matter. The changes to the NPPF include, at para 161 the added requirement for **all sources of flood risk** to be taken into account and we note the Applicant's response they state that they have considered *all sources of flooding*. SPS does not consider that this is the case as the cumulative impacts of the EA1(N), EA2 and National Grid substations with future anticipated energy schemes have not been assessed.

SPS has fully supported SASES in their representations which have consistently raised the harm to the landscape and heritage of the Friston area as well as the risk posed by flooding as a major consideration. We, and many others, have raised serious concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the proposed onshore infrastructure at Friston with future energy projects including Sizewell C, Eurolink, Nautilus, Greater Gabbard and the Galloper extension. We continue to consider that the Applicant must fully considered the cumulative impacts of the EA1(N) and EA2 proposals with these future projects.

This important point was highlighted by the first round of consultation on the Nautilus Interconnector project in September 2021 which sought views on five potential sites for the required converter station. These are all based around Friston on the assumption that consent would be forthcoming from the EA1(N) and EA2 DCO applications and demonstrates the implication of assessing the impact of any one project in isolation and the need for the cumulative impact of future schemes to be considered at this time.

Accordingly, we once again call for a split decision on the current DCO applications to allow for a more coordinated delivery of the onshore requirements for renewable energy schemes in East Suffolk is required.

Yours sincerely,



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