



OBJECTION TO EXTENSION OF EA1N &EA2 EXAMINATIONS

Beach View Holiday Park 15th April 2021

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EA1N & EA2 Examining Panel,

We write in support of the joint letter of objection to EA1N & EA2 Examination extensions sent by SASES, SEAS, Save Our Sandlings, Aldeburgh Society & Friston Parochial Church Council.

It's disheartening to learn at the final hour that Scottish Power Renewables EA1N & EA2 DCO Examinations are to be extended from the statutory fixed examination period for up to three months. We appreciate that these are effectively two projects, but the lack of forewarning is concerning especially now that Sizewell C DCO examinations are underway.

The bigger picture that has not been addressed

That we are even here is incomprehensible, with a number of massive industrial developments being proposed within and around the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB making a mockery of the planning process and the Prime Minister & Conservative Government's commitment to 'Green Spaces'. It is farcical that 100's of acres of supposedly protected Suffolk Coast AONB could effectively be industrialised for renewable/sustainable energy. The treats to the Suffolk Coast's protected landscapes, which include RSPB Minsmere (one of Europe's most important wetland sites) is making our AONB unsustainable.

Our own tourism business based in the AONB, other businesses and our local communities are potentially faced with decades of industrial development in the AONB with proposed nuclear power stations, and onshore development from proposed offshore wind farms. It is a scandal that energy companies can seriously look at this small part of the Suffolk coastline as the energy coast. For one massive industrial project to be considered acceptable would be hard to comprehend but to see multiple, heavily flawed examples of energy development built here to address the energy needs for other parts of the country is hypocrisy.

National Grid Network Operator and UK energy developers like EDF & SPR are failing us here in Suffolk, Suffolk deserves better. We are calling for more, we feel there is an urgent need for a halt to examination of development proposals that affect the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB. It is essential to look at the energy need nationwide and come up with least damaging solutions. What is done or NOT done now will have consequences for many decades and generations.

If we can only solve the UKs future energy needs by destroying our AONBs then everyone involved has failed.

Sincerely,

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