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**Subject:** Objection to Scottish Powerade National Grid Applications

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Dear Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate

Re

PINS Ref EA1N- EN010077 and EA2 EN0010078

Were planning approval to be given for even one of these

proposals, the impact on the fragile East Suffolk countryside and coastline would be devastating to those who live in the area and to those who visit it and cherish it. The destruction of landscape, habitat and livelihoods which would cumulatively occur were one or more of these proposals to be approved would be a tragedy resulting from a failure of any worthwhile strategic planning at both national and district planning levels. The construction of sub stations ringing the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB and the digging of potentially multiple energy transmission trenches across an area designated as Heritage Coastline and AONB will forever change the character of East Suffolk's highly protected landscape.

The arguments against approving one, or worse two or more of these proposals, far outweigh the national benefits to be derived from such a haphazard approach to harnessing energy from offshore wind farms. The impact of one scheme let alone multiple schemes would create years of traffic chaos though road closures across the network of small country lanes on which the populace has to travel; the AONB would be scarred for years to come by digging the proposed energy transmission trenches; the rural qualities of the area outside of the AONB and the AONB and Heritage Coastline

themselves would be destroyed forever by industrial scale sub station building, in turn creating light and noise pollution of an unimaginable extent in a landscape previously of such rural character; tourism, a major driver of the area's economy would be decimated, this all for a lack of any national strategy for harnessing wind farm energy.

National and local government has a duty to its constituents. To approve one or more of these proposals would breach the trust placed by the public in government to govern sensibly and strategically. Politicians, both locally and nationally, will quite properly be held to account for such abysmal decision making if one or more of the schemes as presently proposed is/are approved.

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