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The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
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Dear Ms Leadsom

SUFFOLK COASTAL ENERGY PROJECTS

Friston is a small rural parish of less than 300 properties nestling between Aldeburgh and Snape, part of the Heritage Coast but now seemingly renamed the Energy Coast. A few years ago, we were declared economically unsustainable and have subsequently been neglected and virtually ignored – the village that was forgotten.

Until now that is. Scottish Power Renewables has decided we should be the recipient of the most hideous, destructive Sub Station (Power Station more like) which will be the size of 16 football pitches and rise to a height of 18 metres. Imagine that slap bang in the middle of country fields and lanes which until now have been enjoyed by locals and tourists alike.

Additionally, there are further developments in the pipeline – National Grid have not produced any meaningful plans of their own proposals but in total there will potentially be eight energy projects in the village alone with of course the Sizewell C development just five miles away. Incredibly, these are all considered in isolation. So, we are faced with at least eight years of uncertainty and disruption, not allowing for inevitable problems and delays, not to mention the permanent loss of landscape, footpaths and amenities. Scottish Power based somewhere in Glasgow or Madrid have no understanding of the environment. They are totally dismissive of our concerns particularly regarding traffic management, safety and flooding. In the case of the former there is just one major road (A1094) which connects the village to the A12 at Snape via a series of narrow, quite often single-track lanes.

Only in the last month the village has been flooded twice with the water coming from the field which will form part of the haul road (cable route) to the proposed site.

We fear we shall be abandoned by our elected member of Parliament, Suffolk County and East Suffolk Councils mindful of the General Election and Suffolk County Council election next year.

I have been a Daily Mail reader for many years and read with interest your article claiming those entering politics do so to make the world a better place, improve communities and have people at its heart.

We await with trepidation the deliberations of the National Planning Inspectorate in the DCO process.

Yours sincerely

Christine Ive