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Dear Sir

As one of the landowners whose land will be affected by this application I feel I must write and highlight some of our concerns. Before I carry on I should point out that I applaud the use of Green Energy but I do not believe that this application resolves some of the underlying issues.

It is my understanding that there are plans for further Windfarms off the Norfolk coast, and whilst your remit may be only to look at the application currently before you, it would be against the public interest not to consider the impact that other schemes will have on the environment as it appears Necton has been selected as the Sub station of choice as the input point for any further windfarms.

As our land is close to Necton and there are a limited number of economic routes to lay the necessary groundworks it is highly likely that we will have further disruption in the future, the recovery of land is a slow process and therefore the environmental impact will be felt for years to come.

With this in mind, I feel that the application before you should be either refused or at least delayed until further research can be carried out on an alternative plan to build a new substation on the coast designed to take and distribute the power from Windfarms along the coast. This model would allow the Windfarms to have a much cheaper access point to the distribution network and have a far smaller environmental impact than the scheme before you.

I fully appreciate that this will create further delay but I believe that any delay is an acceptable cost to ensure that the scheme which goes forward is fully considered has the backing of the local population, is the most cost effective, has the backing of Local MP's who are our voice, the current scheme before you, has none for these and the Environmental impact will be far greater than the scheme now proposed.

I fully support the use of Green Energy which can not only help the environment but also supply energy at a reasonable cost to the consumer, however, I cannot support a scheme which will have such a negative impact on the local environment and could create a scar across the Norfolk countryside visible for decades to come.

At a time when we have uncertainty about Brexit and our food supply chain it does not seem appropriate to take viable agricultural out of production whilst the capital works are carried out and then suffer poor yields whilst the land is allowed to recover, if it ever does!

Please allow the alternative plan to be fully costed and environmental impact statements to be prepared prior to the determination of this application. The impact on future generations is far too important, yes we want and need Green Energy but not at any cost.

Thank you for taking the time to read my objections to the scheme before you.

Regards

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