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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

This project would bring a huge negative impact on Norfolk communities with years of onshore construction which would massively effect people's lives, homes, business' and livelihoods. The construction phase could last for years and once completed the lasting damage would continue to affect farmers and landowners for further years to come, much like the suffering experienced from the Dudgeon development.

Necton, Fransham, Holme Hale and Bradenham will be left with its countryside and homes blighted by the largest substations in the world on their doorsteps, not failing to mention their visibility to tourists from the very busy A47 entering and leaving Norfolk. The Dudgeon development as you know is very visible on top of a hill and very noticeable for miles, extending it to an even greater size and building two further substations would be an atrocity to so many resident's in Norfolk.

After witnessing Dudgeons development and the chaos it caused throughout the county especially in Necton where the HGVS, vans and cars caused bedlam and made local residents' lives (including ourselves) a misery. To have to suffer the same again fills me with huge concern and anxieties about our future in Necton.

To bring a substation so far inland with catastrophic effects is reckless, why not temporarily put it on hold to allow for proper consideration and planning of an Offshore Ring Main? This consideration along with other alternative offshore grid connection arrangements would eliminate theses damaging effects on people's lives. During the applicant's consultation they stated at their Drop in Sessions that an Offshore Ring Main is the way forward for Wind Farms. With a future 10 more developments looming surely joined up thinking would suggest halting these developments until National Grid has put an offshore connection in place. It would be horrific to witness this development be built knowing a far better alternative could exist which National Grid having now said it is possible. Surely this is the best time to enforce this before any construction work has started. Joined up and future thinking is what Norfolk needs as I can't sit back and watch this devastation happen again on a much larger scale.

The Applicant claim their project is green and National Grid are supposed to consider the '*most economic and efficient*' means of making a connection, now is the time to act on the only suitable solution and push for an Offshore Ring Main for this and future projects.

An Offshore Ring Main is essential to safeguard rural villages and the countryside. I ask the Planning Inspectorate to please consider refusing this project, (given the issues already highlighted by Norfolk residents and the flawed consultation provided by the Applicant) or put them on hold until an offshore connection can be constructed.

Thank you.

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