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I am concerned that National Grid's responses to the impact on our local communities have been in large part completely ignored or down played. I previously raised issues concerning the damage that will be caused to not only our heritage coast but to the loss of our hugely important tourist industry.

National Grid have failed to address these issues and the cost to our communities and to our businesses has not been factored in as a cost of this project. The build of a huge converter station will simply be for their long term benefit.

It brings no long term employment to our region and will simply destroy an historic local market town in the process. There are better solutions as Sottish Power has proven in recently commissioning its first offshore converter station off the coast of East Anglia.

National Grid needs to be held to account on the real financial cost of this project. And that cost has to take account of the cost to our local communities.

Thank you for your attention.

We all want to support a net zero target but bull dozing through a plan will be a cash cow for National Grid will be at a huge cost to our heritage coast.