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PRESS RELEASE

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SCOTTISH POWER WINDFARM CONSULTATION CONDEMNED AS A SHAM

Scottish Power Renewables has embarked on the next phase of its Consultation Process for the EA1N and EA2N windfarms*: A process the residents of Friston and surrounding villages consider to be a sham. It is clear that Scottish Power is not listening to the local community, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Suffolk County Council or even the local MP, Therese Coffey. No-one it seems is able to hold Scottish Power to account.

SASES (www.sases.org.uk), a campaign group set up with the support of Friston, Knodishall, Aldringham and Benhall & Sternfield Parish Councils, has carried out a detailed analysis of the information SPR released justifying its decision to build a vast industrial energy complex with a 30 acre footprint and standing 18 metres high, the size of an office block. Even worse it will form a backdrop to the 12th century, grade II listed, church and the cottages and houses surrounding the village green. From this analysis there is no doubt that SPR's process is deeply flawed. Furthermore, Scottish Power have excluded using the obvious sites at Sizewell without thorough analysis or challenge.

Quite incredibly Scottish Power has admitted that it has chosen the Friston location without carrying out a detailed assessment of the impact on the landscape, including the existing flood risk to properties in the vicinity.

SASES has sent its analysis to SPR demanding answers. It has also written to Samantha Barber, Chair of Iberdrola's Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, asking her to intervene.

Michael Mahony, Chair of SASES commented "SPR and Iberdrola are taking a cavalier attitude to the concerns of the local community and its democratically elected representatives at local and national levels. It is obvious that Scottish Power is ploughing on with this project to meet a corporate timetable set in Iberdrola's Spanish boardroom. The local community is simply baffled by SPR's approach which defies logic".

*Note to Editors: Please see

https://www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_two.aspx for more information on the planned windfarms.

Attachments:

Press release dated 25th May 2018, photographs/montage pre and post industrial development, site plan.

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