

# ACT NOW!..... STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

## .....BUT NOT SO HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SCOTTISH POWER RENEWABLES (SPR) AND NATIONAL GRID!.....

This is an impassioned plea for everyone who cares for their environment to protest about SPR's proposals for substations at Friston to accommodate the energy generated by their East Anglia Two (EA2) and East Anglia (EA1N) offshore windfarms.

It is most important to register your interest with the National Planning Inspectorate (PINS) by signing up for their updates and then making representations by accessing their two websites:

[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-two-offshore-windfarm](http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-two-offshore-windfarm)

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[infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm](http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm)

- since there are two separate applications. This is not a difficult or forbidding process.

This can also be easily done by going to the [SASES.org.uk](http://SASES.org.uk) website and clicking on the links on their home page.



It is important because SPR has submitted its latest proposals in applications for two Development Consent Orders (DCOs) for acceptance by PINS. Indeed, the proposals should already be published on these two websites. If accepted this will result in thousands of pages for each project landing in village halls and libraries near you towards the end of November. The information will appear on websites. Look out for further publicity, but the PINS websites are likely to be the first point of contact.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

To make sure both Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council maintain their objections to the Scottish Power projects not to forget the National Grid Interconnectors, the expansion of the Galloper and Greater Gabbard windfarms and the Crown Estates Round 4 windfarms please email the following councillors.

**It is very important to do this in the next few weeks.**

#### East Suffolk Council

**Leader Steve Gallant** - [steve.gallant@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:steve.gallant@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

**Craig Rivett** - Deputy Leader - [craig.rivett@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:craig.rivett@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

**James Mallinder** - Member for the Environment

- [James.Mallinder@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:James.Mallinder@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

**T J Haworth-Culf** - Our District Councillor

- [Terry-Jill.Haworth-Culf@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Terry-Jill.Haworth-Culf@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

**Jocelyn Bond** - Our District Councillor

- [Jocelyn.Bond@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Jocelyn.Bond@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

#### Suffolk County Council

**Matthew Hicks** - Leader - [matthew.hicks@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.hicks@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Richard Rout** - Cabinet Member for the Environment

- [Richard.Rout@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.Rout@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Andrew Reid** - Our County Councillor

- [Andrew.Reid@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Reid@suffolk.gov.uk)

There is also our local MP (assuming she is re-elected).....

**Dr. Therese Coffey** - [therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:therese.coffey.mp@parliament.uk)

Please understand that we are not against renewable energy. Neither do we object to Lowestoft becoming a hub for the offshore operations and benefiting from inward investment. The North Sea will always be there. What we object to is the chaotic and short-sighted vandalism of the quiet and peaceful rural environment in which we live when this is completely unnecessary.

The rural landscapes around Friston will be lost forever. And this is not just about Friston. The pictures shows the Bramford substation north of Ipswich which was originally to be the receiving point for the two offshore operations now proposed. That is what is going to hit this area. That requires cabling from the land access at Thorpeness, seven miles wending its way through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and affecting all rural communities between Sizewell and Aldeburgh. The cabling is a massive process involving trenching corridors and haul roads, each some 32 metres wide. So, there will be haul roads and cable trenches like those shown and along those routes consolidated construction sites to house equipment, vehicles and storage.



And that is not all. A National Grid substation is included in the Friston proposals and that is under consideration to become a cabling link for two other major energy projects, the National Grid interconnectors. Nautilus is already in the public domain with plans being prepared for another, Eurolink. Both are to accommodate the import and export of power between the UK and Europe. These are meant to be "green" energy projects! The picture shows what an interconnector looks like. They need to be close to the shoreline, up to 26 metres high and require an area of 12 acres for each site. Where will they go? Then there are the necessary cabling routes and haul roads. We reckon that this area of AONB will be dug up five times! And then there are the proposals for expanding existing offshore windfarms and the next generation of windfarms. Where and when will it all end?

Many of you will have moved here to be able to enjoy its beauty, peace and tranquillity, as do thousands of visitors each year who bring much needed income and employment to the area.

### MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD

There should be no lessening of our protests which may be drowned by the noise of electioneering and Brexit. Suffolk County and East Suffolk Councils will be preparing their own responses and must be urged not to alter their opposition to the choice of Friston.

**So, please make your voices heard over the coming months by making representations to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, your MP, Suffolk County and East Suffolk Councillors and PINS.**

## WHAT YOU MUST DO BY 27 JANUARY 2020

Since there are two separate project submissions the amount of information is daunting albeit there will be substantial duplication of detail. **Initial representations will have to be made to PINS by 27 January 2020.** It is suggested that you read the **Non-technical Summary** when it is released and use that as your base document.

**Friston Parish Council and SASES will be holding a public meeting for Friston residents and those most immediately affected by the proposals in Friston Village Hall on Saturday, 4th January, 2020 at 2pm.**

It is hoped that is a date and time most convenient for all including those with weekend/holiday homes who may be here for the New Year.

The meeting aims to cover the major issues arising out of the proposals and to brief and help you write your objections and representations.

**The printed documents will be available for inspection at Friston Village Hall**

To access the documents please contact one the following:

**Liz Thomas**

01728 687914 or 07941 666 032

Marie Szpak 07808 249 213

Nick Thorp 07586 653 137

Mike Lewis 01728 688541

The documents will not be available on-line from the SPR website. Instead they will provide a link to the PINS site. There will be a 'signposting' document to aid navigation and to highlight the differences in the two separate submissions

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**ACT NOW! Recommended Websites:**



[SASES.org.uk](http://SASES.org.uk)



[suffolkenergyactionsolutions.co.uk](http://suffolkenergyactionsolutions.co.uk)

[saveoursandlings.org.uk](http://saveoursandlings.org.uk)