

My name is Mya Manakides and I am a Friston resident.

In preparation for today's meeting I was afraid of sounding like a 'NIMBY.'

However, having reviewed my notes, I can now say, with confidence, that the adverse effect of locating the world's largest substation for offshore wind power in the rural village of Friston, outweighs any benefit to the nation.

We all know the history of the EA1 project and how, when SPR took sole possession of that project, it managed to reduce its output by 41%, simultaneously wiping out the 'future proofing' capacity of its cable corridor.

In the spring of 2016, SPR initiated its conversation with the Planning Inspectorate for EA1N & EA2.

SPR's routing strategy for these projects was to follow those of EA1. However, in September 2017 everything changed and our nightmare began.

National Grid for their own reasons, changed the connection point for both projects from Baudsey to the Sizewell/Leiston area.

The applicant confirmed that a substation would be required for each project, and an additional one for National Grid. National Grid's infrastructure is crucial to the viability of these projects.

I believe that SPR choose the Friston site for 3 reasons:

-1. It's proximity to the existing pylons,

-2. The availability of a parcel of land that could be obtained without compulsory purchase

-And 3, and most importantly, the potential for expansion of this site.

The substation proposals sit between the pylons and the village. Grove Wood actually encloses the proposal within the village.

However, the area to the other side of the pylons is vast and as such, with the National Grid's infrastructure in place there would be the potential for the Friston site to expand and expand. This is something that must be understood in order to evaluate the proposed choice of site and the current proposals.

SPR provided us with this image of the substations from the village green. You can see how the substations loom over Friston.

SPR has not been able diminish our concerns and any attempt to do so has been duplicitous.

Our concerns include:

The change in character to the village and the incompatibility of such a development in this area,

The harm to the homes surrounding the site,

The desecration of the view from & to the grade 2* listed church, noise & light pollution,

Traffic,

Loses to the local economy,

Security,

Well being,

Loss of footpaths & rights of way,

Inability to achieve meaningful mitigation,

Flooding,

Harm to the environment,

And of course the Cumulative Impact of all other projects

The harm that will be caused at Thorpeness & the Sandlings, along the cable route and to Friston is obvious.

Every aspect of this project adversely affects the greater community and will cause considerable and irreparable harm to Aldeburgh, Snape, Thorpeness and our environment. We will lose the meaning and significance of our local.

As a village and a community we have learnt a lot. Fundamentally, we are not alone in the challenges we face. Numerous other coastal communities and rural landscapes are under threat from similar proposals.

We all know that the demand for offshore wind power is continuing to grow and that both Industry and government are finally beginning to react to the consequences of this.

I refer to the National Grid's recent publication *Unlocking Offshore Wind* and the upcoming BEIS review.

There has been one good thing to come out of this and that is that I have got to know my neighbours better and these are really good people, really good. If it came down to keeping the lights on for the nation, they would take the hit but that is not what this project is about. This is an outdated, 1st generation solution that is not green and not sustainable.

We don't want this to be our future.

I support everything SEAS, SASES and all the parish councils have to say.

Thank you.