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Hello I am Brigitte D'Angelo, I live in Rendham 6 miles north west of Friston  
Thank you Mr Smith, panel, and all those listening for the opportunity to speak  
today.

I endorse the representations of Michael Mahoney of SASES, and Fiona  
Gilmour of SEAS, and I object to these hearings being held virtually. I am in  
favour of sustainable green energy.

As I mentioned I live in Rendham, it is a small village on the B1119 between  
Saxmundham & Framlingham. My family and I moved here from London 10  
years ago. We didn't know Suffolk, we moved here for a different way of life.  
We have been amazed by Suffolk's beauty, wildlife and community. I grew up  
in Devon but had never experienced the depth of nature that we see here.  
Owls, Buzzards, Otters in the River Alde that runs through our garden.  
Kingfishers, Dragon flies. Incredible Night skies unpolluted by light. My  
children have enjoyed the wonder of laying outside and watching shooting  
stars in our garden.

I became a parish councillor a year ago, although I speak today as an  
individual and not of the Parish Councils collective views. I mention this as  
had I not joined the council I would know very little of the major infrastructure  
plans for this area.

I was horrified to learn of the 10 energy projects planned to date without a co-ordinated approach.

Many local people are totally unaware of the extent of these plans. This is not ONE or even 2 planning issues we are dealing with. If Scottish Power are given permission to build a substation at Friston it opens the floodgates to another 6 projects to interconnect at this site. Extending I understand to some 100 acres. And Floodgate is a very apt word... given the local history of flooding.

What amazes me is the distinct lack of overall planning. There is much talk in government of carbon neutrality and of protecting biodiversity but it seems to be just a box ticking exercise. This project cannot possibly be environmentally viable overall. Several young speakers earlier in these hearings have spoken of this project and called it "dirty green energy" I wholeheartedly agree.

I'm concerned that the floodlit building site and then the continuous hum of the substation will have a huge impact on the population of owls bats and migrating birds to name just a few. I am sure other parties with more expertise will put a strong case together to protest the substation based on these effects. Marine wildlife has also been mentioned, just because the windfarms are out at sea does not mean their environmental impact is less because WE can't see it.

The public are undergoing an anxious time, facing the crises of public health and global climate - the Suffolk locals are also confronted with these substations, and the prospect of 2 new nuclear reactors at Sizewell C.

So what will it mean for our daily lives if this project is given permission? For the people of Friston it is obviously devastating. But we have also heard from residents further afield. East Suffolk will change beyond recognition.

Traffic levels along the A12 will drastically increase. There are many very dangerous junctions along this road in particular the Friday St junction where most of the HGVs and associated traffic would turn off for Friston. Many people don't know how to manoeuvre this junction at present let alone with the increase in traffic. Clearly also the pollution from this increased traffic is a major concern. The Statistics quoted by Georgina King in a previous representation were horrifying! You may not also be aware that villages such as Rendham have no access to public transport so we have no option but to drive.

The future of the local tourist industry looks bleak! East Suffolk is a destination because of its areas of outstanding natural beauty, its breathtaking coastline and because of its peace and tranquility. My partner and I have even taken a couple of short holidays within the area as we really don't need to travel far to find somewhere truly special.

I have learnt so much from these meetings and presentations and I understand it is possible to build a ring main at sea connecting the wind farms

to brownfield sites. We must ensure all these avenues are assessed fully before permission is given to this project. If the Government want the U.K to lead in Wind power technology then we had better start with world class planning!

Thank you