



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Sir, Sarah Courage ([letter](#), Mar 16) describes the threat to coastal Suffolk posed by the first two wind energy projects planned for a nature-based tourism area. This is the tip of the iceberg. The largest hub in the UK is promised by National Grid, with at least seven connectors up to 24 metres high plus substations.

Belgium's electricity system operator, Elia, shows a smarter way forward. Wind energy can be gathered from three or four wind farms at offshore platforms and brought to brownfield hubs using sub-sea arterial cables; this is known as a modular offshore grid. Onshore pylon cables no longer have capacity for the amount of electricity planned off the Suffolk coast. After years of dithering, Britain should invest in offshore solutions.

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**PROTECTING SUFFOLK**

Sir, Contrary to the impression left by Emma Duncan's article ("[Nimbys are putting Britain's future in peril](#)", Mar 11; [letter](#), Mar 15) we are all in favour of offshore wind turbines. What we are opposed to are the proposed two 18-metre-high substations covering 35 acres that would be linked by cable trenches up to 50 metres wide running inland for several miles from the fragile Coraline cliffs at Thorpeness. We are recommending brownfield sites instead and have requested a split decision from the planning inspectorate to prevent the loss of land designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty and as a site of special scientific interest. We are concerned not about any impact on the value of our homes but about our fast-diminishing natural environment.

It is unfair for Duncan to contrast the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine with our concerns for the Suffolk Heritage Coast. Like many people, we are packing up supplies for the refugees and sending donations.

**Sarah Courage**

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