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Dear Secretary of State and Minister of State

We write in support of OffSET East Anglian MPs who in their letter of 20 May 2022 stated that " ... *new offshore generated electricity should be transmitted offshore, making landfall as close to the target population centres as possible*".

To minimise the damage caused by onshore infrastructure subsea cables must not only be taken as close to centres of demand as possible but should also connect to the grid at brownfield sites, industrialised sites and sites in need of redevelopment and not the untouched countryside of the Friston area.

National Grid must clean up these redundant sites for re-use. The Rt Hon Therese Coffey MP and Sir Bernard Jenkin MP have suggested Bradwell. Others have suggested Grain or Tilbury.

The success of [National Grid's and Scottish Power's Western Link](#) shows that large volumes of electricity can be efficiently transmitted long distances beneath the seabed. The technology clearly exists and is viable.

Other North Sea countries have pushed forward with plans to build offshore grids and energy islands to distribute the power to where it is needed. Why is the UK taking so long to adopt these modern offshore infrastructure solutions? [Financial Times, 23 May 2022](#)

Please act now to enable this vital consultation on a strategic offshore grid.

Yours sincerely