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Major Infrastructure Project to come to fields near Friston?

Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) will need to build a group of three electricity substations to connect their proposed two new offshore windfarms to the National Grid pylons.

SPR came to present to the Parish Council at their meeting on 5th March. No preference for a site location was mentioned at that stage, but it seemed likely to be in the Sizewell/Leiston area, and your Parish Council stated a preference for Zone 3 (see on the map overleaf).

However, at Public Information Days last weekend, the impression was given to several members of the public attending that SPR are **leaning towards Zone 7** as their preferred site. This includes the area of land to the north of the village, on the way to High House Farm.

The substations will be huge, covering a total area of around 30 acres (16 football pitches, or a housing estate of 200 houses). The external gantries and housing buildings will be 15-18 metres (5-6 storeys) high. All transformers make a humming noise – so will these, as they will handle almost 2 GW of power.

They will need to be linked to the coast between Sizewell and Thorpeness by underground cables, which will cut a swathe 50 metres wide across the countryside.

Construction of the whole project is scheduled to start in 2024, and last for two years.

There is no local benefit to this project, but there will be disruption, noise, visual impact, local business impact, and possible flooding issues. If **Zone 7** is chosen, the haul route for construction traffic would be through Sternfield, and a new road to the site would be cut across fields between Manor Farm and Friston House. If necessary, a new bridge would be built across the Fromus in Sternfield.

More details of the project can be found online: Google “East Anglia Two”, and choose www.scottishpowerrenewables.com/pages/east_anglia_two.aspx. It is worth looking at *SPR Information Boards March 2018*, *Onshore Study Area and Substation Zones* and *Statement of Community Consultation*.

It is worth having your say to SPR about the prospect of **Zone 7** being chosen, and quickly. Email contact is eastangliatwo@scottishpower.com, or write to Scottish Power Renewables East Anglia Two, RTLY-RLGH-GKSE, FREEPOST, 25 Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1JL.

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