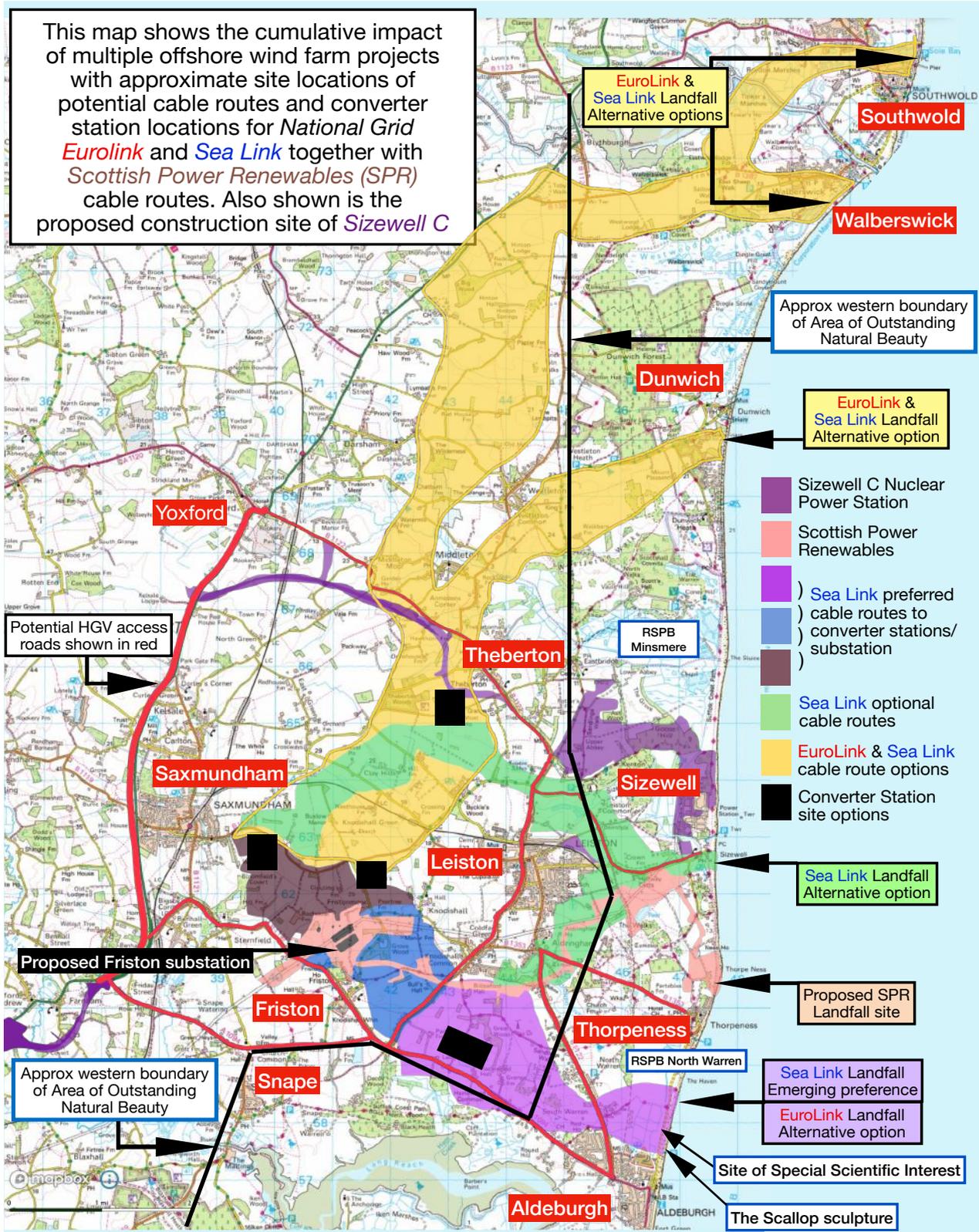


STOP MASS INDUSTRIALISATION OF THE HERITAGE COAST

We have created this Map to show the multiple projects with their various landfall, cable trench and site options. It is complex but shows the threatened onslaught



Source: National Grid NGET/NGV, artists impression.

NB We have been unable to include Nautilus on this Map. Please see SEAS website for details about Nautilus.

Proposed multiple energy projects will industrialise Suffolk Coast and Heaths making it into one of Europe's biggest Energy Hubs. There is no need for this if an integrated offshore grid was built.

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THE STORY SO FAR

The launching of the SEA LINK (a subsea transmission cable from coastal Suffolk to Kent) and EUROLINK (an Interconnector between coastal Suffolk and Holland) consultation process by National Grid combined with the Nautilus Interconnector and ScottishPower Renewables offshore windfarms East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two further reveals the hard evidence and leaves no doubt that Suffolk Coast and Heaths is threatened by an onslaught of energy infrastructure projects.

NEEDLESS DESTRUCTION.

Current outdated plans would create one or two onshore Energy Superhubs within the coastal area and severely affect communities along the precious Heritage Coast from Southwold, Walberswick, and Dunwich to Thorpeness and Aldeburgh. Halesworth, Yoxford, Saxmundham, Leiston and all the villages between could be impacted during 10 years of construction compounding the traffic issues for the A12 and rural lanes which were never intended for mass industrialisation. Sizewell C will further exacerbate the congestion. Aldeburgh's main arterial route the A1094 could become a no-go zone for visitors and emergency services may fail to be timely. The cumulative impact of these MULTIPLE PROJECTS would effectively industrialise this area of outstanding natural beauty and decimate the local nature-tourism reliant economy. This is NEEDLESS VANDALISM, given a better alternative is available now.

THE MODERN SOLUTION

An OFFSHORE GRID through the NORTH SEA CORRIDOR would avoid churning up rural areas, AONB, SSSI, SPA and prime farmland to reach multiple onshore substations and negate the outcry over 180 pylons cutting swathes through precious countryside from Norwich in Norfolk through Suffolk to Bramford on to Tilbury through Essex. Building onshore infrastructure at brownfield sites closer to where the power is needed would ensure better solutions for the local tourism economies, local communities and the environment.

Belgium, Germany, Holland and Denmark are already introducing these kinds of integrated offshore grids using offshore platforms and artificial islands for operation by 2030. There is no good reason why the UK cannot do the same. The North Sea Corridor is the modern way forward. Coastal Suffolk is a DEVIATION

RISING TIDE OF OPPOSITION

There is a rising tide of opposition from across the political spectrum to current short-sighted proposals, MPs have formed 'OFFSET' a group to lobby for an offshore grid, have debated in Westminster and are actively seeking an OFFSHORE GRID. Essex and Norfolk community groups are also strongly opposing similar ill-conceived energy projects and the united call is for an OFFSHORE GRID connecting to brownfield sites nearer to where the power is needed.

We ask BEIS to commit IMMEDIATELY to getting everyone in one room as soon as is practically possible. Everyone is: Ministers, Officers, Ofgem, Renewables UK, Developers, National Grid, OFFSET, Crown Estate and representatives from Community Groups.

Suffolk, Norfolk and the Pylons community Groups have joined forces to challenge these plans.

WHY IS EAST ANGLIA BEING THROWN UNDER A BUS

The harsh reality is that East Anglia is being thrown under a bus by BEIS and National Grid as they instruct offshore wind farm developers to connect to National Grid Substations (many not even built) on the East Coast to deposit their offshore wind power ignoring the Holistic Network Design criteria being used elsewhere in the UK. This is madness when other North Sea countries are investing in offshore grids and using brownfield or industrialised sites close to where the power is needed.

JUDICIAL REVIEWS COULD TRIGGER NEW THINKING

The connection to Friston is by no means guaranteed. SASES (Substation Action, Save East Suffolk) go to Judicial Review in the High Court on six counts in mid-November 2022 and SEAS goes to the Court of Appeal, both opposing Scottish Power's windfarms East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two. The outcome will not be known until the end of the year or possibly in the New Year. Ultimately, the Government are the only body that can reverse this needless destruction and order an offshore grid. It is therefore now urgent to make the Government aware of our grave concerns. This gives the Government a window of opportunity to review these ill-conceived and destructive plans.

NEW GOVERNMENT, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Our new PM Rishi Sunak made a swift decision to reverse the government's position on fracking and more recently re-banning onshore wind farms. He could take similar timely action regarding a strategic OFFSHORE GRID, in line with his leadership campaign pledges, which committed to reducing the amount of onshore infrastructure and redoubling efforts to deliver an integrated offshore grid.

He said in his inaugural speech "we can do incredible things together", we need to appeal to him for an OFFSHORE GRID and to use brownfield sites such as Grain, Tilbury for onshore connection points, to create regenerative wind energy super hubs, it is a win/win/win situation for all concerned. BEIS Secretary of State can instruct National Grid and the Offshore Transmission Network Review team to reopen the Offshore Review without delay and halt these senseless plans,

WHAT CAN YOU DO

There is a better alternative that has already been developed by National Grid and proved deliverable These alternative plans are more cost efficient than the current proposals and require 50% less infrastructure, so is beneficial for the environment: **an OFFSHORE GRID through the North Sea Corridor.** These National Grid plans from 2015 and 2020 could be updated and implemented quickly. We are asking you to write to the new Prime Minister to instruct the Secretary of State, BEIS to reverse current plans and mandate the Offshore Transmission Network Review and National Grid to scope an offshore grid using the Holistic Network Design (HND) criteria.

Write to: The Prime Minister Rt Hon. Rishi Sunak, Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA. Or ask your MP to pass the letter on.

Also write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, calling for him to reverse these

plans and mandate National Grid to scope an offshore grid. Plans are available that could be updated and implemented quickly. secretary.state@beis.gov.uk

Brownfield sites have been championed by our local MP, The Rt Hon Dr Therese Coffey MP who is now Environmental Secretary. Write to her and ask her to ensure that Suffolk Coastal is protected from these ill-conceived projects. defra.helpline@defra.gov.uk

WRITE or EMAIL NOW

Templates letters can be found at www.suffolkenergyactionsolutions.co.uk Please add your own words wherever possible, and copy the following people

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We need your help, together we can make a difference
Yes to Offshore Wind Energy
Take the power to a brownfield site

If you have recently attended an energy project consultation, **PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT THE CONSULTATION FEED BACK FORMS.** As with all feedback forms the questions are skewed to the project's benefit. Instead, we would suggest that you write to the contact email on the project's information leaflet or consultation form.

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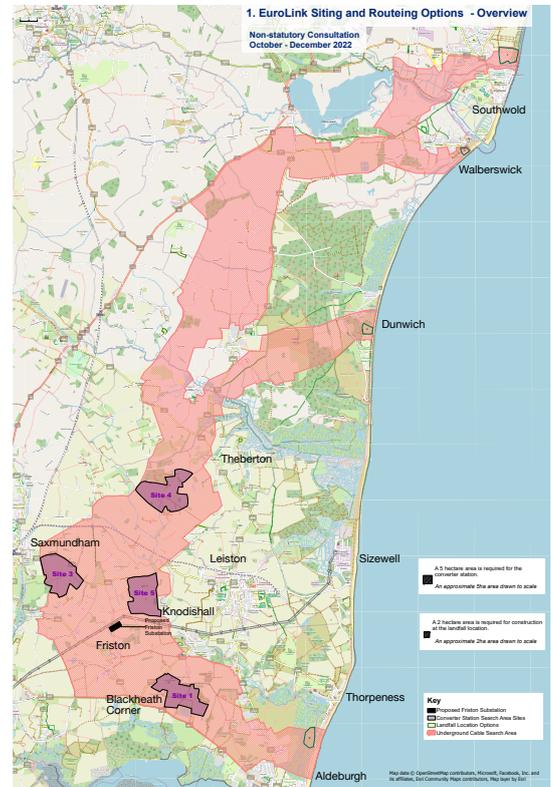
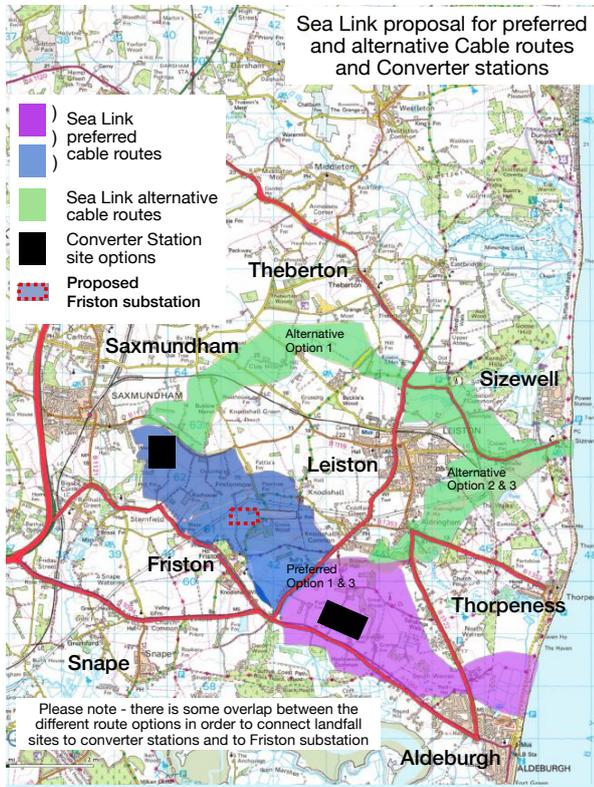
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We are only showing on the Sea Link map the “National Grid emerging preference and one alternative”. There are many more options. Please see National Grid website for detailed maps.

SEALINK: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/infrastructure-projects/sealink/document-library>

EUROLINK: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/national-grid-ventures/eurolink>



We propose a Modular offshore grid (MOG) using the North Sea as the principal corridor. Offshore wind energy can be carried in a series of subsea cables to brownfield sites including Grain. This technology is already available and is cost efficient as it can pool energy from a few wind farms at a time.

