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Dear Sir or Madam

#### **SUB-STATIONS AND CONVERTOR STATIONS IN THE SIZEWELL/LEISTON AREA**

We are writing to you as a follow-up to our previous letter dated 11 May 2018 to the Secretaries of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Housing, Communities and Local Government, that you were copied in to. As a result of that letter and thanks to pressure from Therese Coffey MP, a meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 between representatives of Suffolk Coastal District Council and Suffolk County Council, Therese Coffey MP and the Rt Hon Claire Perry MP, Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth.

At the meeting a short presentation was made similar to that given by the local authorities in joint meetings with yourselves and at the Suffolk Energy Coast Delivery Board. This set out the background to the various energy proposals around Sizewell and the context of the characteristics of this part of Suffolk were detailed. The view of the local authorities that there was potentially a better solution to the location of the sub-stations than that currently proposed by Scottish Power Renewables was then set out. The issues about the alternative site being presently in the ownership of EDF Energy and in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty were explored, but it was made clear that the local authorities did not consider these to be insuperable matters.

The Minister recognised our concerns and the relevance of considering the siting of these projects in one location, and she encouraged us to work with you on addressing this particular issue.

The Minister also emphasised the importance of taking in combination all energy-related proposals under a single planning regime as NSIPs and urged the local authorities to propose this formally. We are working with NGV separately on a suggested direction request under section 35 of the Planning Act in relation to the inter-connector projects.

The Minister urged that the local authorities write to all businesses involved, setting out her expectation that we should work together to consider these matters carefully, in order to find the best solution to the issues. Accordingly, the local authorities are proposing to bring the different businesses together in a meeting to look again at the options and our officers will be in touch in the near future with regards to this.

Yours faithfully,



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Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for  
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Suffolk Coastal District Council



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