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Dear Geoff,

Thank you and your co-signatories so much for your letter dated 6 July 2018.

I was delighted to meet you, Cllr Reid, Mr Ridley and Mr Pitchford along with Dr Coffey MP on 24 July 2018. I found it interesting to hear your thoughts on the potential cumulative impacts of existing and proposed energy projects in the Suffolk Coastal area. I am grateful for your understanding that planning propriety means I am unable to comment on the merits of the proposed schemes.

I look forward to receiving your response, in due course, to my letter of 11 June 2018 confirming whether or not you wish to make a qualifying request under Section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the two interconnector schemes referred to in your letter should be treated as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

Thank you again for taking the time to write, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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