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Dear Mr Cooper,

Proposed Dudgeon Windfarm – Electricity Grid Connection

We have been contacted from several sources regarding the scoping opinion request for the siting of a substation to connect the proposed off-shore windfarm to the existing electricity grid line somewhere along the route between Barnham Broom and Dunston. I see from your web site that you are awaiting an environmental impact assessment from the developers.

At this stage it is not possible to express any conclusive opinion on the proposal but it is obvious that a new grid substation in the area between Barnham and Great Melton would not be environmentally acceptable. It is also the general view of CPRE that such connections should be made at existing substations.

As I expect you know, there is also the new draft national policy statement on the future electricity network which is expected from the Government shortly; whether this will include any rational plan for the connection of large off-shore windfarms remains to be seen.

Perhaps you would let me know in due course of any further information on the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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For CPRE South Norfolk District Committee