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### **Aldeburgh Town Council's Response to: ScottishPower Renewables Windfarm consultation**

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Aldeburgh Town Council recognises the importance and value of renewable energy. The Town Council broadly supports policies which reduce dependency on traditional energy sources and is fully committed to policies which help protect the environment.

However, that philosophy is at the heart of the Town Council's concerns about ScottishPower Renewables' plans for onshore developments relating to offshore wind farms.

ATC has worked tirelessly to protect Aldeburgh and its environs from invasive industrial and property developments which would have a detrimental effect on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in which the town lies.

The Town Council believes that current plans by SPR to develop onshore facilities - together with other unrelated infrastructure projects - represent a significant threat to this AONB and must be resisted.

Three competing commercial companies have submitted separate plans for major developments in this area. If these projects - and the construction of Sizewell C - are allowed to go ahead, the Town Council believes the whole of our local coast and its hinterland would become a heavily industrialised zone.

The AONB as we know it today would cease to exist and ATC believes this is too high a price to pay.

ATC is at a loss to know why ScottishPower and EDF Energy are not being compelled to share the same infrastructure at the Sizewell site to reduce permanent damage to the local environment. Failure to deliver a co-ordinated construction strategy should result in Government intervention.

The Town Council regards the lack of a co-ordinated, cohesive plan for these National Infrastructure projects as deeply concerning, particularly when they are being compressed into a relatively-small area of Suffolk.

It is inevitable, ATC believes, that considerable and long-lasting damage to the AONB and adjoining villages will be caused during the construction of these projects. This could be

reduced if a collaborative, rather than a singular, approach to planning and construction work was adopted.

The protection of the AONB for now and the future remains of paramount importance and should not be lightly disregarded in the pursuit of new sources of energy.