19.4.16 Details for BPC AGM

There are three proposed windfarm sites by ScottishPower. East Anglia Windfarm One, Three and Four. Windfarm. EAW1 has been approved. EAW3 is in final planning and approval stages.

I understand EAW1 will start in January 2017 in the landfall site in the field to the east of Ferry Road, immediately south of the landmark path. It seems that most of this field will be used by ScottishPower for what's call the transition pit site. This is where the sea cables join the land cables that will be trenched for 23 miles across the countryside to Bramford. The cables will pass under the River Deben, under the East Coast railway line, A12, A14, River Gipping before reaching Bramford.

You may have seen archelogical digs taking place in the field over the last few weeks. This was required to ensure no valuable remains were buried.

The cables for EAW1 and trunking for EAW3 nd EAW4 will be in a trench with a working width of 85m. The cables will be laid in trenches in the sea bed and come ashore into the transition pits. Drilling in the field, down under the beach and into the sea will take place to bring the cables ashore.

EAW1 will have six cables and EAW3 and EAW4 will have four trunking and eventually four cables each. This gives a total of fourteen drillings that will be required. I have been informed that each drill will take about 10 days working day and night. The only time drilling will stop is when new drilling bits have to be attached. I can imagine this will cause vast amounts of night time light pollution and constant noise from the drilling and working area.

While drilling is being undertaken I envisage the trenching will also be underway. The trench will have to cross Ferry Road and I have been told that the contractors will put in a temporary road when they dig up Ferry Road.

In addition there will be HGV movements during the day time from 0800hrs through to 1800hrs?

Once EAW1 is complete ScottishPower will almost certainly commence work on EAW3. This will have less impact on the village as it will require cables to be drawn through the now buried trunking. However, a new access site to the work area to the west of Ferry Road will be constructed. This will be immediately next to the small red brick sub-station in Ferry Road. HGVs will access the site during daylight hours.

According the report in last week's EDP work is not likely to be finally completed until 2025. ScottishPower have informed us that work will not be constant over this eight year period but will come and go accordingly.

If anyone would like more information please contact me after the meeting.