



12th November 2023

Planning Department
North Devon District Council
Lynton House
Commercial Road
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EX31 1DG
ATTN Mr. N Hall

Dear Sir

Re: 77576 - White Cross Offshore Windfarm (Onshore Project)
Full planning permission for the construction and installation of onshore electrical infrastructure required to export electricity from the White Cross Offshore Wind Farm to the national distribution network; including installation of 132kV underground electricity transmission cable(s) from landfall at Saunton Sands Car park to a new substation at East Yelland. Construction of temporary facilities required during construction to include haul road, vehicular access, compounds, associated works areas and a permanent substation access road. Construction of a new substation under the Rochdale Envelope Approach with additional information regarding architectural form and silhouette, design code, scale and layout, landscaping, lighting, and appearance and materials.

We are writing to ask that you as Case Officer request Flotation Energy to withdraw its proposed onshore project application.

The detailed responses from Natural England, Environment Agency, Devon Wildlife Trust and Biosphere clearly evidence why this proposal for the construction of its underground cable route in the undeveloped countryside through a landscape designated as a strategic nature area is totally untenable as is the development of the substation at East Yelland on land that is in flood zone 3 with potential to compromise existing flood defences.

In addition to being totally noncompliant with planning policies at national, local and neighbourhood level, a submission from an energy expert illustrates that the proposal delivers negligible benefits in its provision of electricity.

Furthermore, it is now clear that this proposal does not align with an emerging national strategy in respect of developing and harnessing the Celtic Sea's wind power such as a single cable corridor to Devon/Cornwall and one to South Wales being established so as to reduce seafloor damage, as well as minimising disruption caused by cabling onshore as the bigger projects start to develop.

Given the above it is not unreasonable to seek withdrawal of Application 77576.

Love Braunton

Cc Braunton Parish Council