

## Motion to Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12 submitted by Councillor Richard Everett in relation to the North Falls Project Transport Proposals

“This Council –

- (a) is aware that the District of Tendring has seen a series of proposals come forward to transport Green Energy from where it is being produced to where it will be needed. The first proposal, East Anglia Green, which is being led by National Grid, held its non-statutory consultation last year and is seeking to provide the necessary and vital infrastructure to process and transport this energy; two further schemes, the Five Estuary and the North Falls will be reliant on the provision of this to progress their individual projects;
- (b) is also aware that North Falls is currently consulting on a £2bn proposal to link the offshore windfarms to a national grid substation located between Ardleigh and Little Bromley. Should the East Anglia Green project linking Norwich to London be approved by the Secretary of State, the North Falls project will entail substantial construction effort, over 3 to 4 years, affecting much of the Tendring Council area. The principle of gaining a community benefit from this project for the areas effected has not been given any consideration in the consultation. The North Falls consultation finishes on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023;
- (c) believes that, if the Secretary of State is mindful to approve National Grid’s East Anglia Green proposal, the North Falls transport proposals will be inadequate;
- (d) therefore notes that the North Falls Project proposes building a temporary haul road around Thorpe-le-Soken, Little Bromley and Ardleigh, for elements of the works traffic, whilst all of the heavy equipment will still need to be transported through the villages;
- (e) further notes that there has been a long-standing argument for a Thorpe-le-Soken bypass and supports a permanent road as part of the project that will not only remove any heavy equipment from the village but also be a worthy long-term legacy of this important project; and
- (f) therefore calls upon the Leader of the Council to write to the North Falls Project, the Government, and Essex County Council to include this permanent road within the Scheme, as well as asking them to develop plans to provide cheaper electricity to all the villages along the route; to develop a compensation scheme to all landowners and farmers involved; and to set up a compensatory fund to be used by Essex Highways for the eventual reinstatement of any highways asset damaged and overused during construction.”