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27th October 2022

Dear John,

RE: EAST ANGLIA GREEN – REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

I am replying to your letter of 30th September, and noting the letter of 11th October to Sir Bernard Jenkin with estimates for offshore 'like for like alternatives' to East Anglia GREEN.

I have some questions and would be grateful for a response.

- In your letter of 30th September you accept: "we confirm that for EAG we did not consult on offshore options". Why not?
- You say that you have been 'consistent on this point' but at our OffSET MP Teams meeting of 18th July, your staff asserted that you had, indeed, consulted on offshore options. You will note from my speech in the Westminster Hall debate of 19th July that on several occasions I relayed the point made definitively by your staff on the 18th that you had consulted on offshore options – you have absolutely NOT been consistent on this point. National Grid claimed that you had consulted, and only accepted definitively that you did not after my survey showing almost 100% of people participating in the consultation did NOT agree that you had consulted on offshore options. I therefore ask, why did your team state during the 18th of July meeting that you had consulted on offshore options, indeed promising to send an email containing evidence that you had (that I don't believe we ever received).
- You state that it would have been 'disingenuous' for you to 'present an option to the public for consultation, knowing that this did not comply with the framework requirements'. Can you confirm that at the time you made that decision, you did not have the detailed costing information sent to Sir Bernard Jenkin on 11th October?

Finally, regarding the costing document, I will be discussing this in detail separately with East Anglian colleagues before reverting.

Yours sincerely,



James Cartlidge MP
Member of Parliament for South Suffolk