

I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF,FAMILY AND MY BUSINESS MOAT ALPACAS.

WE HAVE BEEN BREEDING ALPACAS FOR ABOUT 10 YEARS SELLING ANIMALS, AND FLEECE PRODUCTS. WE HAVE A SMALL FARM SHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISIT THE FARM TO SEE OUR ANIMALS AND PURCHASE PRODUCTS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 25 ALPACAS BUT THIS NUMBER CAN RISE TO AROUND 40 AFTER BIRTHING.

WE ARE BASED AT [REDACTED] TO THE WEST OF THE VILLAGE AND SOME OF OUR ANIMALS ARE GRAZED ON LAND IN EASTBRIDGE. THIS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR BUSINESS AS IT IS FREE DRAINING AND MEANS THE ALPACAS ARE FREE OF MUD THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS. IN ORDER FOR US TO MAINTAIN HERD HEALTH WE HAVE TO REGULARLY HOOVER UP THE MANURE AND WE DO THIS USING A QUAD BIKE AND TRAVEL TO THE FIELD FROM MOAT FARM CROSSING THE B1122 AND DOWN ONNERS LANE. IN ADDITON WE HAVE TO TRANSPORT HAY AND FEED TO THEM ON A DAILY BASIS.

SHOULD THE PROPOSED LINK ROAD BE CONSTRUCTED, WE WOULD BE THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD TO EASTBRIDGE. AS THERE IS NO WAY OF CROSSING THE LINK ROAD OTHER THAN JOINING IT, WE WOULD BE FORCED TO TURN RIGHT ONTO THE LINK ROAD ACROSS HEAVY TRAFFIC, TRAVEL ALONG TOWARD LEISTON AND THEN TURN OFF TO COME BACK TOWARDS ONNERS LANE AND IN REVERSE ON THE RETURN TO THE FARM. THIS, WITH A SMALL, SLOW MOVING AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE TOWING A MACHINE. WITH THE LARGE VOLUME OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, BUSES, VANS AND CARS, THIS MANOEUVRE WOULD BE A DANGER TO US AND OTHER ROAD USERS AND WOULD MEAN THAT WE COULD NOT SERVICE THE FIELD ANYMORE.

THE EASTBRIDGE LAND IS IMPORTANT TO US AND WITHOUT IT WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS TO KEEP THE BUSINESS VIABLE.

WE HAVE AN ANNUAL OPEN DAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE VILLAGE CHURCH AND THIS IS A VERY POPULAR EVENT. FEEDBACK FROM OUR VISITORS TELLS US HOW THEY RELISH THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THIS AREA, AND THAT IS WHY THEY COME HERE. SHOULD THE PROJECT PROCEED, WE WILL BE ON THE EDGE OF WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE LARGEST BUILDING SITE IN EUROPE AND WILL DRIVE PEOPLE AWAY, AS THE REASON THEY VISIT WILL BE DESTROYED.

WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED FOR THE COLONY OF GREAT CRESTED NEWTS INHABITING OUR MOAT AND POND AND THE IMPACT THAT THE LINK ROAD WILL HAVE ON

THEIR ROUTES TO SURROUNDING PONDS AND HABITATS.

THE LINK ROAD, LIKE THE POWER STATION IS IN THE WRONG PLACE. IT FOLLOWS THE B1122 FOR MANY MILES AND WILL HAVE LITTLE USE ONCE THE BUILD IS COMPLETED.

EAST ANGLIA IS KNOWN AS THE BREADBASKET OF THE COUNTRY. THE FERTILE AGRICULTURAL LAND IS WELL SUITED FOR GROWING WHEAT, BARLEY, ONIONS POTATOES PEAS, CARROTS, SUGARBEET AND OTHER CROPS.

THE ROAD WILL TAKE SWATHES OF PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND OUT OF PRODUCTION, NOT ONLY ON THE FOOT- PRINT BUT ALSO FIELDS THAT ARE CARVED UP BY THE ROAD WILL HAVE MARGINAL PLOTS LEFT BEHIND EITHER SIDE, THAT CANNOT BE FARMED WITH MODERN AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

ROAD NOISE AND POLLUTION WILL IMPACT WILDLIFE MANY METERS EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD AND

WHEN VISITING THE PROPOSED ROUTE OF THE LINK ROAD WILL THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY, PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE QUALITY AND DIVERSE RANGE OF CROPS THAT ARE GROWN TO FEED OUR NATION.

IN ADDITION, WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY URGE THE AUTHORITY TO INSIST ON THE REMOVAL OF THE ROAD AND OVERSEE ITS RETURN TO AGRICULTURE.

THERE IS ALSO A PRECEDENCE, DURING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR, 100's OF MILES OF CONCRETE RUNWAYS WERE LAID OVER MANY THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF EAST ANGLIAN FARM LAND CONSTRUCTING MORE AIRFIELDS SO THAT THE NATION COULD BE BETTER PROTECTED.

SINCE THAT TIME, MUCH OF THIS CONCRETE HAS BEEN LIFTED AND THE LAND SUCCESSFULLY RETURNED TO AGRICULTURE.

ATTACHED IS THE MAP SHOWING THE ROUTE WE CURRENTLY TAKE TO THE EASTBRIDGE FIELD FROM [REDACTED]. THE GREEN LINE SHOWS THE CURRENT ROUTE AND THE YELLOW ONE IS THE ROUTE WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE ON THE SLR.

Route on SLR

Existing Route

