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To Mr Rynd Smith  
Lead Inspector

Dear Mr Smith

I am writing to you following the recent preliminary meeting and yesterday's communication informing me that I had been chosen to speak at the open floor hearings.

I write to object in the strongest terms to the inspector's decision to hold these hearings virtually only, in the face of opposition from most residents and participants. This has led to many feeling disenfranchised from the process. When we hold local meetings over 200 regularly attend. Your decision has prevented us from our only real opportunity to meet face to face and demonstrate to the panel the depth of negative feelings held about these projects.

A virtual meeting is simply not a substitute for an open forum meeting. We know that SPR has already booked Snape Maltings. I heard Mr Ennis, from SPR, say that they had booked the concert hall for the open forum meetings. We know that the Government is allowing meetings to be held. I have attended concerts at Snape who have a very safe Covid system in place. This enables up to 180 persons to be present in the hall. Why is it not possible to hold blended face to face and virtual meetings or delay the process until it is possible to hold such face to face meetings?

Yesterday we received a letter informing us whether we had been "selected" to speak at the open hearings. Upon what basis are these decisions being made? We know of many who wished to speak have now been excluded. You have indicated that there may be opportunities in the new year. But by then it is plain that the inspectorate will have been working on the SPR and National Grid evidence for months and the

chance for the local community to persuade at this stage is much too late. More meetings should have been arranged at this time to enable everyone who wants to speak, to express their views.

How are we expected to have confidence in this process when we give feedback and fill in questionnaires and then feel that everything we say is ignored.

Our property is, quite literally, located on the perimeter of the substation site. We will be within metres of the works. We all know that National Grid have plans to use the site for successive projects. The cumulative impact will ruin our lives for years and possibly decades.

And yet you have given us only 5 minutes in which to express our concerns.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Cramb

