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Please find attached my written representation for deadline one.

I would like to request a site visit

With thanks
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Written Representation

IP Reference: EAIN 20023129. EA2: 20023173.

These remarks apply to both to East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two.

For nearly twenty years I have kept horses on a grazing right at Ness House. There is another grazing right next to me where another owner keeps horses. We are on an AONB with no roads or traffic near us and full access to all the lanes and bridleways around for off-road hacking. It is extremely peaceful, which is why I have leased grazing rights here for so long as my horses are rescue horses who are vulnerable and extremely easily spooked, which is very dangerous for them and anyone near them.

I was very concerned when I found out that SPR are Planning to build a major industrial site for Landfall for their wind farm in the field directly next to mine, and that work to lay the cables would be going on in the paddocks leased next to me (Plot 10 on Land map attached.) and all around us. We are next to the sea, and the work would be in the fields directly next door to me to the south, the west and the north, just metres away on each side, hemming us in. I have been shown by someone local some maps and photos that were provided by SPR in a Book of Reference, but when they described the land they want to use there they did not mention the horses there or the field shelters at all but just said it was all rough grassland instead of grazing land. The pictures they took were of another field next door which is very rough, but no reference to those horses was made or the pasture that is on Plot 10.

I have been told that this is a major project with lots of industrial equipment, drilling, traffic, personnel and infrastructure to surround us, and that it may go on for years. There will be constant noisy activity all around my horses, probably through the night as well 24/7, with lighting on all night and constant traffic blocking my access to my horses for care, and blocking off the bridleways I regularly use. Horses are very sensitive to vibration and will not be able to stand constant drilling.

My horses are much loved family pets and have been seen through many health scares and problems to give them a happy and peaceful life. One of them has been with me for 20 years and has various medical conditions that need special care. It is very important that he be kept quiet.

He has a heart murmur, and a rotated bone in his foot. This means that if he is spooked , causing him to run around in alarm, this bone is liable to penetrate his sole, and he would have to be put to sleep.

Another of my horses is also extremely nervous and has been allowed to be rehomed here from a rescue centre because the grazing was approved as being so peaceful and quiet. She has just had a delicate operation on her leg, which means that she must be kept quietly, because if she charges around because she's scared by noise and strangers, all the good work will be undone and my insurance will not pay out for her to be operated on again, as the work was expensive, quite apart from the threat to her to undergo a second operation. She was brought here as her forever home and has blossomed here.

SPR have suggested , via the landlord, that the horses on the land they do want at Plot 10 could be sent to Wickham Market, which is over 40 minutes drive away. This shows no understanding of horses and their needs, especially rescue horses. They need to be seen to twice a day to be fed, checked, hacked out, and when the owners work locally there would be no time to go such a distance twice a day and spend with them the time they require. In any case, moving would be impossible for one of the horses , and a new situation anywhere less peaceful would not be suitable for any of them, quite apart from the stress and expense of moving them . In addition it is not possible for horses to be moved at a time of COVID, because a good yard would not take them. Also, horses who are moved need to have regular flu jabs, and as my oldest horse has been in the same location for so long the vet said it wasn't necessary to keep them up as he wasn't going anywhere else in his lifetime. I have not heard of any help SPR are offering for this. This is insensitive and impractical. I have heard that SPR have said that they need the horses off the field at Plot 10 by February or March to do archeological surveys which will involve bore holes, deep drilling holes and 36 trenches right next to my horses. In all this time I never heard anything from SPR directly at all, and neither has the owner of the horses who are supposed to be moved. I don't understand why they need to start this disruptive work so early before they get full Planning permission, as the damage they will do the land will make it unfit for horses to be returned to it as they need firm land .

It now seems that the horses who occupy Plot 10 have to come and share my grazing and field shelter I have spent years building up the field shelter and fencing on this grazing land and maintaining it at my own expense. I have provided good housing for my own horses, but now they are to lose half of that.

This is not really a very suitable arrangement as horses' needs aren't always compatible. One of my horses has a special diet and needs medication in his feed, and he takes all day to eat it gradually. This means he needs a field to himself as other horses sharing a field would eat the food and medication. There isn't enough shelter for all the horses.

I would like to know if SPR are going to provide fencing and shelter for the horses they are displacing.

The landlord has also told me that SPR may be Planning to cut down some of the trees and copses which provide vital wind cover for my horses. We are on the cliff and the winds and rain can get up to 70 mph, sometimes more. These natural windbreaks must not go because I understand that once you have buried cable in a field you cannot ever grow mature trees there to provide cover. It would be classed as a matter of cruelty by the RSPCA to leave these animals in a field in a location like this with no windbreaks.

I am also very concerned about fencing that is to be removed. I have put this fencing up at my own expense. Will I get compensation? SPR will have to replace all fencing with something strong and high enough as horses are flight animals and when frightened are liable to jump or run through fencing. A frightened horse runs on adrenaline and can be a very dangerous animal when scared.

These animals will still need to be exercised along the byways and bridleways. They are usually hacked out 3 times a week to keep them stimulated and stop them getting bored and too fresh. All byways and bridleways will have to be made accessible and useable, and not churned up and blocked with noisy traffic. It is no use putting hard core down as these animals do not need shoes on the sandy tracks. What is SPR going to do to make it safe for the many horse riders round here? Heavy lorries and horses don't mix well. These bridleways are used a lot around here because the Sizewell Gap Road is too dangerous already with all the heavy traffic from Sizewell B, Greater Gabbard and Galloper.

Tracks will also need to be passable for farriers, vets, horses boxes, ambulances, and enough space to land a helicopter in the fields in case a rider falls and has a back injury. That has happened here in the past.

I'm very worried about litter from the building site blowing into the field which the animal may eat, causing colic which can be a fatal disease. Also the plastic sheeting which may be used to cover cable corridor works is very likely to come loose in the high winds, and large pieces of sheeting blowing around are liable to cause injury to animals and riders.

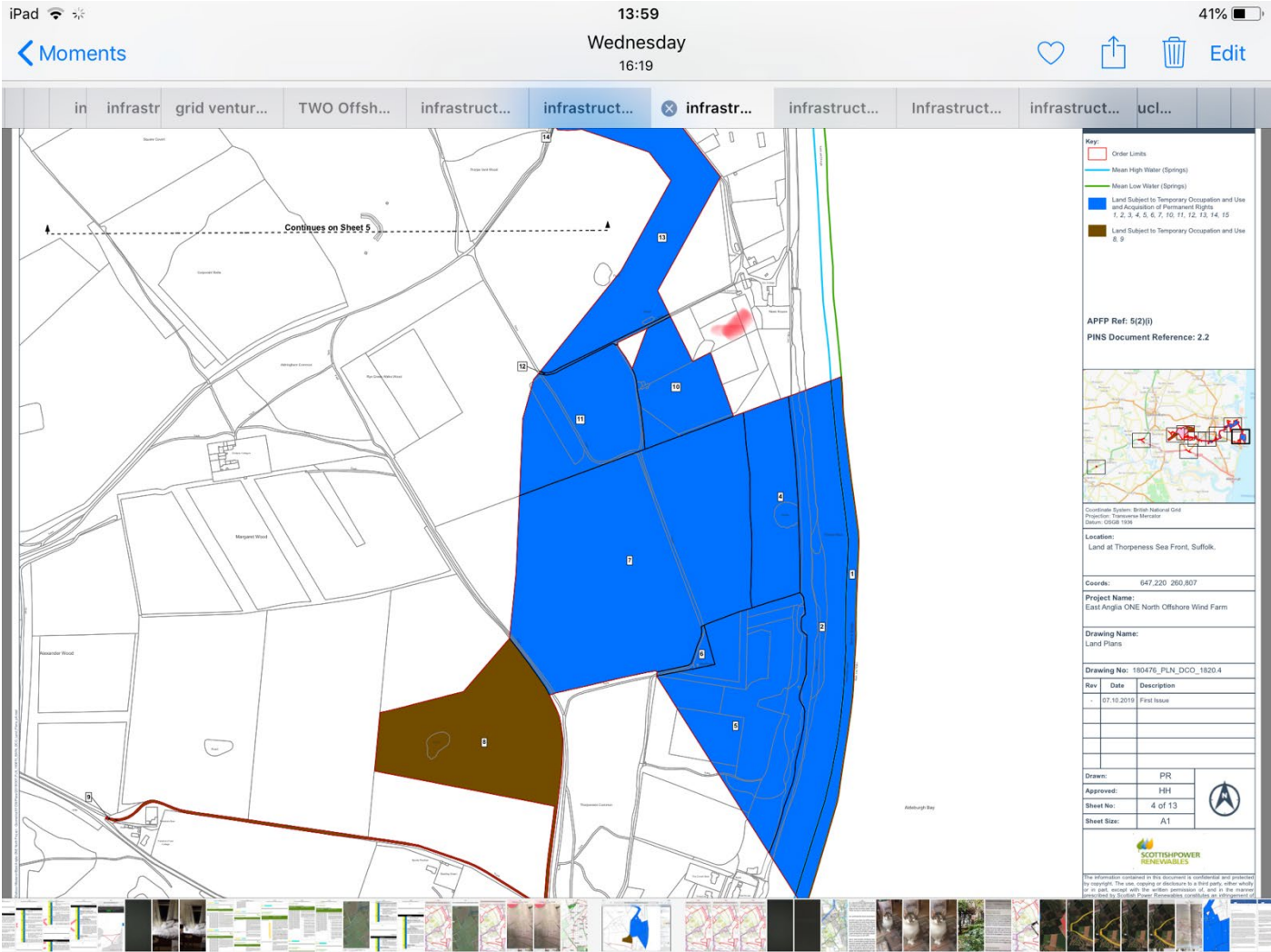
It is very sandy here and it is likely that sand can be churned up causing sandstorms. Horses can also suffer from a disease called sand colic.

I was even more worried as I received a letter from SPR two days ago on Saturday the 31st October telling me that they need access to my grazing to lay and maintain the cable corridors. They call my grazing plot 10; which I have seen on their Land Map. My grazing is not Plot 10, it is not marked on the map of land required at all and it is not listed in the land they say they need. Plot 10 is where the horses that they left out of their documents are grazing, and where there is rough grassland.

This is entirely different from what I have understood in the past, and even what my landlord told me recently, just that I would have to let other horses share with mine. I'm confused and not sure what to do, as I don't know if they have mixed me up with the other horse owner, or if they can take my grazing after all. I'm also very upset that they have only let me know now with one working day left to the deadline. They also said I was now in the Book of Reference as having rights to access, but I don't think the owner whose horses are being moved has heard anything at all and I don't know if she is in the Book of Reference.

I would really like the Applicant to explain what is going on. Primarily I don't think this is the right place for this project as we are in a peaceful AONB, and now we are going to be surrounded by industrial work for years, and have never been kept fully informed.

I attach a photo of Land Map. My grazing is just north of Plot 4 and East of Plot 7 and south of Plot 13. I would be happy to provide any further information. I have marked it in red.



I have also attached a photo of my location showing site of Landfall and Cable Corridor in the next fields.

