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To the Planning Inspectorate.

Please find my responses to information submitted by SPR and other parties by deadline 1. All of these remarks refer to both EA1N and EA2.

I was going to make some of these remarks at the OFH on November 5 but was prevented by the new lockdown. I would therefore like to speak in January.

I have made known my concerns about my horses in the field directly next to the Landfall site at Ness House, and about access to bridleways and traffic, and I don't think they are being properly addressed at all by SPR.

1. Safety.

This is a major issue. We will have building work going on all around the animals at close proximity. I have contacted the British Horse Society for advice and the Safety Department agree that this is a major concern as they have on their records instances of horses being spooked and injured in connection with windfarms. They say it is a matter that must be taken into consideration by SPR and that we should ask what measures will be taken to minimise risk to the animals and protect their welfare. The RSPCA have also said that this should be considered before permission is given.

I consider that special suitable fencing should be provided to protect my horses where their grazing adjoins the Landfall and Cable Corridor works.

I am concerned about ground contamination from chemicals such as NOx and also sheeting flying off in the strong winds we have here and damaging animals in the field next door. Also I understand that SPR are going to put up hoardings around the site and along the cable route that goes along the other side of us so that it is not an eyesore (on an AONB!)and I don't think they understand that such erections are likely to be blown around , it's so windy here, and could cause serious damage or death. Also the huge volume of heavy traffic building a haul road here and bringing personnel and construction materials will frighten horses who are being ridden causing them to bolt, especially rescue horses like mine who have been brought here where there are no roads or traffic, because they are nervous.

When SPR answer the Examining Authority's question about safety at the public footpath next to the Landfall site they say that safety won't be an issue to walkers but again don't mention the animals at all.

2. Noise.

The BHS says:

A horse's range of Hearing is greater than a human to higher frequencies (over 33kHz in the horse compared with under 20kHz in humans. Hearing ability is very important for survival to a horse . Horses are prey animals and their usual response to danger is flight....they will flee first and check later..there is a danger to a handler or rider who may be knocked over or thrown during a spin or bolt and even if staying with the horse, may not be able to stop before losing contact or encountering another hazard. While in flight mode, a horse is difficult to control and could run into a dangerous situation which it would normally avoid....

Horses can become difficult to handle include in conditions where there is a continuous level of noise because it may mask other sounds that could be a threat.... It should be assumed that noise is likely to be distressing to horses which are not accustomed to it."

This is going to cause great distress to my horses, probably for years. Also this means that I or my family who look after the animals could be at risk if they spook, when we are grooming or feeding them.

SPR said in their answer to the Examining Authority's questions that although Drilling has been assumed to be in operation at the Landfall site for 24 hours a day at certain periods, this has been "assessed as having negligible significance" I. It won't be negligible for the horses who are also there 24/7. I suppose this also applies to the archeological drilling they want to do in February. And the work on the cable corridor. They say that noise will be controlled through a management plan which they will show after they have been given consent! That does not give me any confidence.

3. Bridleways and By ways.

Charlotte Ditchburn the East Anglia Access Officer at the British Horse Society contacted Suffolk County Council about my worries about the interconnected bridleways being interfered with and they say that the issue of the public rights of way Network has not been adequately addressed by SPR. The BHS are looking into supporting those comments.

In the British Horse Society Guidelines to planners Policy Statement they say that " potential loss of any route is understandably of grave concern. Any route that was previously available to all should not be rendered unsafe for some. In the majority of cases where riders and carriage drivers are displaced from off- road routes the only alternative will be greater use of roads, with an increased risk to themselves and other road users."

"During the design stage, a wind energy project developer should communicate with the authorities access offices to ensure that equestrian routes are taken into account.... This applies equally to a microgeneration system as a large commercial windfarm."

An assessment of routes and use patterns in the location may be needed."

"Cables must not cross an equestrian route."

I would like to know if SPR have done a study of bridleway use in this area?

4. Dust.

When asked about dust nuisance caused by site clearance and work etc, SPR have said they will mitigate it but haven't said how. This is a major risk to horses' health, especially one of mine that has [REDACTED], and to their eyes.

5. Also I am still concerned about the effect on my horses when Archeological Drilling begins in February next year. The person with grazing rights in the field next door that SPR wants to use will lose her land and SPR are still saying that her horses should come onto my grazing. Also they are going to knock down her field shelters and she's worried about her caravan which she can't move.

6. Target buffer Zone.

SPR says that they aim to have a buffer zone of 250 metre for protection. Are they going to keep to that distance from my horses with their work? And will a buffer zone keep out the noise and light?

7. It is said that there are going to be more projects at this site for years, but that National Grid, who

want to use the site in the future, won't take part in this process even though they have been asked. How can this be a fair Examination if they don't give information when so many lives are affected? My family has lived and worked in this area for years, originally as a fishing family, involved in local services , and all of us are going to be affected by this one way or another.

SPR and National Grid do not seem to realise how much worry and distress they are causing people, without even providing full information. This is a question of animals' lives and should be taken seriously.