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Dear Mr Smith,

We wish to complain in the strongest terms about the behaviour by SPR in offering compensation for "gagging orders" to prevent people from objecting to their development plans. We understand that companies may offer people whose land is needed for development a sum of money which is greater than what they might reasonably expect under a compulsory purchase arrangement. It seems wrong in principle for these payments to be offered on the condition that the land owner withdraws previous objections or agrees not to make any objections. The practical effect is to undermine the whole process by securing the removal of evidence or submissions which may be of assistance to you and your fellow inspectors

This action follows a long line of what we regard as unacceptable behaviour by SPR who have never shown any interest in trying to work with local people to come up with a better solution to the distribution of energy generated by their wind turbines offshore. They are trying to convince people that development consent is a forgone conclusion and they may as well accept whatever money is on offer and withdraw their objections. We regard this as underhand and unethical .

There is a huge disparity between the resources available to SPR and those open to people who want to preserve the precious countryside and livelihoods in the area and we look to you to do all you can to ensure a level playing field. We respectfully ask that you investigate and specifically require or request that SPR makes full disclosure of all "gagging" arrangements both offered or concluded, including the amount involved. There is we suggest a legitimate public interest in knowing how much money SPR has paid or offered to people to induce them to withdraw objections or keep silent.

Given the seriousness of this matter we are copying this email to the relevant ministers who have an overriding responsibility, to the local authorities and to our local MP.

We look forward to hearing from you and we request that we be given an opportunity to address you on this matter at an open hearing.

Yours sincerely

Anthony & Louise Fincham

