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Subject: Acquisition of Land Agreements

To PINS Examination team, for the attention of Rynd Smith, Lead Examiner

February 16th 2021

Dear Rynd Smith,

SPR EA1N EA2 **EN010077/8** my reference: 20024757

It appears that SPR have at the last minute included a clause in their agreements with landowners about acquisition of land for EA1N and EA2, which not only prevents the land owners from opposing the application but also means they would have to withdraw any evidence already given to the Inspectorate

This clause states:

[REDACTED]

While it is up to the individual landowner to sign any agreement they wish with SPR, I believe it inappropriate for SPR to dictate the withdrawal of evidence already given, in good faith, to the Inspectorate. SPR will no doubt claim this is a normal commercial term, but it apparently formed no part of the discussions and was nonnegotiable in this case. It seems, that they are attempting, late in the day, to interfere in the planning process and force the landowner into withdrawing a strongly held objection to the substations at Friston, while under the threat of the compulsory purchase of parts of their property at a low land value.

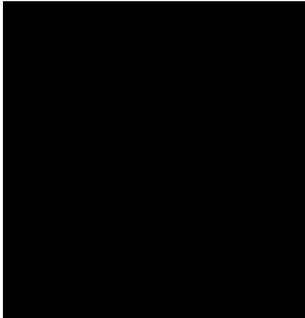
It will be important that the process is fair and the credibility of The Examining Authority is not damaged and hope very much they will not permit SPR to use the leverage that it has in relation to the compulsory planning rules to undermine the investigation and waste tax payers and objectors time and money at such a late stage.

While the whole DCO process is weighted in support of the applicant I feel it can not be right that those with the most legitimate reasons to oppose this application by SPR and whose land may be stripped from them by compulsory purchase to be apparently gagged in this way, and made to withdraw previous objections of all kinds because of financial pressure.

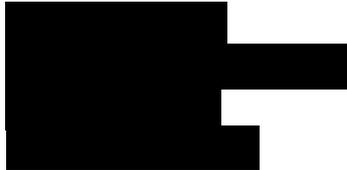
Please would you look into this apparent abuse and consider convening a special hearing to investigate this matter and if appropriate put a stop to this and reinstate any evidence already withdrawn because of the retrospective part of the clause to landowners.

It appeared that the applicants at the end of today's hearing was quick to distance themselves from the accusation suggesting that the deals were being done by their agents not the applicant but one can only assume their agents are working on the applicants instruction

Yours sincerely,



Piers Sturridge



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