



Submission at Deadline 9

**Written Statement Regarding Comments Made in the Compulsory
Acquisition Hearing 3 (CAH3)**

Thursday 18th March 2021

**Submitted by Cllr. Richard Cooper (Lead for Marlesford Parish
Council on Infrastructure Projects)**

On behalf of Marlesford Parish Council

Regarding

**Application by East Anglia ONE North Limited for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm and an Application by East
Anglia TWO Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia
TWO Offshore Wind Farm**

**Lord Marlesford
Chairman
Marlesford Parish Council**

**Melanie Thurston
Parish Clerk
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13th April 2021

Interested Party Nos.

20024395 and 20024397

Dear Sirs,

During CAH3 on Thursday 18th March, I raised concerns, (as I had done in previous hearings), about the requirements by the Applicant for land to the northwest side of the A12 in Marlesford to be used by them for a laydown area in the event that works have to be carried out to Marlesford Bridge. These works may be required if AILs are going to be brought to the Friston site from the south.

I had previously asked that the Applicants clarify their requirements so that the [REDACTED] who own Plot 182 know where they stand.

In Session 3 of CAH3 Mr Rigby asked the Applicant “is there some way, communications wise that you can give comfort to the people whose land is affected as to how things are going and what likelihood there is that it will be needed in the event that it is needed”.

[REDACTED] QC for the Applicant responded “Absolutely this will be part of our landholder engagement strategy to make sure landowners are kept up to date, both with the project, and also the elements that might impact upon their land holdings”. I would ask the ExA to note the use of the future tense in [REDACTED] response. Whilst recognising the importance of the communication process in ensuring that landowners understand when, if and how their land might be used under a temporary possession order, there was no firm commitment to keep affected landowners informed from now on – it is simply an expression that this will be done at some stage in the future. This does not address the direct question that was put to the Applicant by Mr Rigby.

[REDACTED] for the Applicant rightly stated that he had been in touch with the [REDACTED] agents, Clarke and Simpson, but this has only been about access arrangements and fees for preliminary survey work. He created what I believe is the misleading impression that a good dialogue had been established when in fact, the clarity sought on whether the land would be required and if it is, how much would be used, has not been addressed.

I would ask the ExA to put an obligation on the Applicant to regularly update landowners potentially affected by compulsory purchase or temporary possession of land which is likely to facilitate the Applicant’s projects. It is understood by some, (because of their close involvement with the Examination process), that there is uncertainty around some of the actual land requirements, but for landowners not close to the detail emerging from the Examination, it is likely that they could remain in the dark about the Applicant’s intentions for their land until some way down the line. I would be grateful if the ExA could find a way to insist that the Applicant provides meaningful and regular updates to landowners.

Yours Faithfully

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