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# **SEAS response to unorganised and insensitive Testing & Survey work in Thorpeness and Sandlings region**

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Suffolk Energy Action Solutions (“**SEAS**”) has been advised by a number of supporters that the recent Testing and Survey work in the Thorpeness and Sandlings region has not been organised by SPR in a way that is sensitive or appropriate to local property holders. SEAS objects to what is regarded as unacceptable treatment of communities and animals. The activity started on Thursday, 8 April 2021.

### **Key observations:**

1. No warning of imminent drilling/survey works was given to those directly affected.
2. No liaison officer was appointed to alert affected persons. The usual officer (Joanna Young) was away on holiday and no one else was appointed in her place. This is not acceptable given the understandable local sensitivities. SPR was slow to reply to requests for information relating to the new activities.
3. Trespassing recently took place at a campaigner’s property, the location of a charity organisation. One of the local residents at a campaigner’s campus exchanged words with the sub-contractor (a subcontractor of Structural Soils) as they had failed to take proper account of the official boundaries between land correctly accessible to them (where the neighbouring landlord has signed NDAs) and land not correctly accessible to them.
4. The drilling is taking place cheek by jowl with the horse paddocks. This drilling could have been situated at a distance, but instead it appears as if the contractors have tried to get as close as possible to the horses. Is this intended as a signal of the threat if the landlord does not capitulate and sign their agreements with the NDAs? What kind of ethical and moral behaviour is this?



5. The drilling may be going down to a depth of 41m. The aquifers are situated at around 11m. There is no way of knowing whether the drilling has breached the aquifers at this point with consequent contamination of the underground water. The water from the aquifers is the only source for the local residents and animals, due to the absence of mains water access at this location.



6. The horses housed in Plot 10 and adjacent field were agitated by the noises made as animals are generally more sensitive to the range and pitch of these sounds. Like

the local residents, these animals have enjoyed a wonderfully peaceful oasis of tranquillity at this location, with only the sound of birdsong, wind and sea for many years. The only other noises have been the occasional working tractor and passer-by car. Suddenly and without warning, the local peace has been broken by convoys of LGVs, noises of strangers talking, lights flashing, drills humming, dust flying into the air. An unspoilt haven has been “attacked”.



### **What are we to conclude from this?**

SPR has adopted a careless and callous approach to dealing with people and animals. Such attitude is portentous. It is the beginning of an onslaught.

This is further evidence that they SPR are not sensitive to local needs or to run projects of this nature, which adversely impact on people’s and animal’s lives and well-being.

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