This is how SPR reply to residents when we send requests for information about their plans to carry out "investigative work" on fields where birds are nesting.

Louise Fincham

Sent via BT Email App

From: East Anglia TwoSent: Apr 20, 2021 at 11:06 PMTo: louise finchamSubject: Automatic reply: EXTERNAL:Work starting on Friston fields tomorrow

\*We have recently been experiencing issues with receiving emails. If your enquiry has gone unanswered please forward to nberry@scottishpower.com and we will get back to you straight away. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thank you for your email which has been recorded and passed on to the East Anglia TWO project team for consideration.

If your email is in relation to comments raised on the East Anglia TWO proposal in line with the examination, or on the examination process, please ensure that these have been provided directly to the Planning Inspectorate. You can reach them on the details below.

EastAngliaTwo@planninginspectorate.gov.uk 0303 444 5000

**Best Wishes** 

East Anglia TWO Stakeholder Team

Sent via BT Email App

From: louise fincham Sent: Apr 20, 2021 at 11:06 PM To: eastangliaonenorth@renewables.scottishpower.com, eastangliatwo@scottishpower.com Subject: Work starting on Friston fields tomorrow

@scottishpower.com,

I was shocked to be forwarded a copy of an email sent to a few Friston residents about the proposal to start work on the fields tomorrow.

My questions about appropriate surveys of ground nesting birds remain unanswered. Please can you tell me when these surveys took place?

Why was I not included in your email about the commencement of work despite the fact that I have been communicating with you about this exact thing?

Why does an email go out to a small group of residents at 8pm the night before work is due to start?

If this is an example of SPR's "commitment to community engagement" it is indeed a sorry tale.

Why have we not received written notification about work that will take place around a public footpath that we use every day and runs by our house?

There is no trust between local residents and SPR, from the very start of this process you have failed to communicate effectively with residents and local groups, you never take our legitimate concerns seriously. why did you decide to work on fields that have been fallow since last autumn right in the middle of bird nesting season? This is just another example of how you have failed.

## Louise Fincham



From: East Anglia One (NORTH) Sent: Apr 20, 2021 at 3:31 PM To: louise fincham

## Subject: RE: Re: "Heavy drilling" on fields near Friston

Dear Louise,

Thank you for your two recent emails concerning ground nesting birds in the area.

Our Environmental Team is in regular contact with both the RSPB and Natural England and the Onshore Environmental Manager has had a conversation with the RSPB officer in regard to locations of nesting birds. Surveys are conducted ahead of the works and we take appropriate action based on the results. These surveys are for internal use only because they include positions of schedule 1 species and so cannot be circulated more widely.

I hope this helps to allay your concerns.

## **Best Wishes**

East Anglia ONE North Stakeholder Management Team eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com

From: Sent:19/04/2021 To:eastangliaonenorth@renewables.scottishpower.com eastangliatwo@renewables.scottishpower.com CC:info@suffolkenergyactionsolutions.co.uk Subject:Re:"Heavy drilling" on fields near Friston Sir,

I understand that the RSPB have now been in contact with your onshore works team to express concern about the proposed drilling on the fields near Friston. The fact that SPR would even consider carrying out such work at this sensitive breeding time is yet example of its disregard for the local wildlife and ecology.

The RSPB have stated that a specific ecology survey and report into the presence of ground nesting birds be undertaken before any work is carried out.

Please can you confirm as a matter of urgency that no work will start until this report has been drawn up and made public. If a report has already been done please could I receive a copy of it.

Thank you

Louise Fincham

Sent via BT Email App

From: louise fincham
Sent: Apr 17, 2021 at 6:56 PM
To: eastangliaonenorth@renewables.scottishpower.com, eastangliatwo@renewables.scottishpower.com
Subject: "Heavy drilling" on fields near Friston
I understand that SPR will be undertaking "investigative work" on the fields near Friston shortly.

Please be advised that sky larks and other ground nesting birds are currently breeding on the site and should not be disturbed. The presence of heavy machinery and deep drilling

will undoubtedly cause disturbance. Sky larks are classified in the Red list under the Birds of Conservation Concern 4: the Red List for Birds (2015). Their numbers have been in steep decline since the 1970s. Enhancing weed seed availability and providing fallow land in spring for nesting are crucial to the protection of these iconic farmland birds.

Jacqui Miller, the Conservation Officer for RSPB Eastern England would be able to provide SPR with more details about sky lark protection and their breeding season.

I trust that SPR will make alternative arrangements to carry out their investigative work at a time that is less damaging to breeding birds.

Thank you,

Louise Fincham