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EA1N 20023129 and EA2 20023173 Deadline 11.

These remarks apply to both East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two.

## SPR Investigation works.

Whilst the investigation works have taken place here at Sizewell some of the points of concern I have raised have happened.

I have written many times in this Examination to inform SPR of the presence and the needs of horses that are stabled next to their working area near the Landfall and Cable Corridor and which need to use the same lanes and tracks as SPR for exercise and access. However it seems that SPR have not informed contractors about these horses and the steps they would need to take to respect the horses' well-being and their safety.

We had to complain when diggers were set up near the small pony on Plot 10, where all the vehicles and activity caused it great stress. We said that if the contractors had consulted with the pony's owner beforehand she might have been able to move it to a different position to save it stress.

Despite that, some time later a noisy drilling rig was brought to the field next to the pony's stable, once again without warning or cooperation.

In response to these complaints SPR said at the last deadline that the contractors did not witness any distress. We clearly described that the small pony had retreated to the back of his stable and was found sweating and trembling there. It is unlikely that they would have seen that, but SPRs response seems to say that as they didn't notice it, it isn't important. This was reported to the RSPCA who have logged this as a complaint against SPR and have stated that any injury or harm to these animals then they will have to intervene.

Secondly the Contractors were driving too fast along these country lanes and we had to make complaints. If they had met a horse and rider or people on bikes or walking there could have been an accident.

Thirdly these lanes are not very wide so not really suitable for heavy vehicles constantly using them. If they meet a horse and rider they may have to back up as it may not be possible for the horse rider to, as they may have a horse which is nervous of heavy vehicles and the safest way would be to get the horse off the track altogether which could mean the rider has to turn round and walk quite away back before there is an opening in the field where the horse can get out of the way safely. We have had an incident where the Contractor was vey reluctant to do this and would much rather push us onto the farmers crops. I'm sure the farmer would have appreciated SPR Contractors for doing that as the field had just been planted. The Contractor was asked if he would reverse back so we could get out of the way. He was clearly not happy and we were told that they were going to be here for a long while. We had to explain that we actually lived here and that they were the visitors and that we had right of way on these tracks and that a bit of mutual respect would be nice. Once again lack of communication between SPR and Contractors.

Any rights of way that are going to be closed and a diversion put in, for example at Plot 12 which is our access lane where horses are led out, MUST NOT be of gravel/tarmac or any hardcore as our horses do not have shoes and this would cause lameness to them.

The high winds we had just recently that were forecast knocked the red and white poles down warning of overhead cables thereby blocking the byway. Eventually a heavy vehicle went over them and broke them and they were then thrown in the side of the fields where I believe they are still. More litter in the countryside which the Contractors have failed to clear up.

Also where the Contractors had been working on the fields at Plot 11 all the fencing they had erected had blown down leaving an unsightly mess on this lovely landscape. Extremely high winds had been forecast for days but contractors left early on Friday for the Bank Holiday without making the site secure. IT LOOKED LIKE SOMEONE HAD BEEN FLY TIPPING. (Photo attached1.)

Efforts were made to try and contact the SPR Liaison Officer but no one got back until after the Bank Holiday weekend, when we were told the mess would be cleared up that week. So it was left like this for the whole bank holiday. Wildlife could have got caught up in the fencing, the rubbish could have blown into our horses field and caused them harm. This point of concern I have already stressed to the Planning Inspectorate. The mess was eventually cleared up a week later.

The lack of communication between SPR and Contractors and getting messages to them is still very poor especially if something happens at weekends there is no one available.

## Reptile Survey.

The reptile survey that was supposed to have taken place was not adequate or complete.

At Thorpeness Common the mats that were laid down were taken up by someone because SPR had not put up any signs saying what they were for. When they did eventually put signs up they were on tiny pieces of paper stapled to trees that you could hardly see and could easily get blown away. ( Photo attached).

There are also reptiles at the Cable Corridor site. Lizards are regularly found on Plot ( Photo attached 3. ) 10 and the fields nearby but no surveys have been done there

I think this proves how little regard SPR have for this countryside for the people who appreciate it and for the wildlife and to recommend this work going ahead would be a big mistake.

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