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To: Norfolk Vanguard

Subject: Vattenfall Vanguard Wind Farm Onshore Route

We are writing to express our interest in, and concerns over, this proposal.

We live in the centre of Cawston and our house fronts onto the B1145, very close to the traffic. The impact of this scheme, together with the Vattenfall Norfolk Boreas scheme and Orsted's Hornsea 3, will be devastating to our quality of life and enjoyment of our property.

In principle we are strongly in favour of schemes such as renewable energy which serve to protect and improve the environment, but we do feel that the philosophy of protecting the wider environment should not rest on destroying some local environments, which is what will happen if this proposal goes ahead in its current form. We do not feel that alternative approaches, and routes avoiding Cawston have been properly assessed.

The B1145 and other roads in this area are simply unsuitable for the types and volumes of traffic proposed.

- The levels of noise and vibration in the centre of the village will be intolerable and there are real road safety concerns.
- Several of these houses date from the 18th Century, some are subject to Preservation Orders, and there has to be a likelihood of major structural damage.
- there is a village junior school, buses, school buses collecting senior pupils, and a busy centre with shops, pub and houses close to the narrow road a constant need for pedestrians to be able to cross the road throughout the day.
- air quality in the centre of the village would be another concern, as is light pollution
- this is a twisty B road, unsuitable for HGVs, narrow and very difficult in many places for two vehicles to pass one another safely.
- in the village there are narrow pavements and several blind junctions, where traffic on the side road has to creep into the main road to see what is coming. The old railway bridge near the village hall is also on a blind bend with no pavement for pedestrians.
- a double bend between Cawston and Salle is exceptionally tight, you often need to stop and back up to allow a non HGV lorry to get round.

We get no sense that factors like these have been considered sufficiently in the proposal. We note that Vattenfall suggest that some mitigation can be achieved by driver training; this is absurd. Surely drivers should be properly trained in any event, and in fact a failure to adhere to high standards would be an exacerbation.

We hope that you are able to include these views in your assessments, and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Helen & Chris Monk

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