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I start my submission by saying that for me and my family this whole project, is and has been extremely distressing so far.

We find ourselves living with the threat of having the world's largest 75 acre substation intended to be erected within our rural part of Norfolk in our tiny village at Ivy Todd, where residents will be forced and expected to live with daily life changing impacts, with them being erected so close to homes. Our MP Mr George Freeman has visited our farm and expressed concern at the VF site proposals, so close to our family home.

I feel that Necton has been selected without due and serious consideration as to the negative impact the substations will cause. (Other locations which would cause less impact on individuals' lives have been identified and submitted to VF but do not appear to have been explored, or valid reasons given as to why they have not been considered or ruled out.)

We are having to educate ourselves and undertake research in order to try and understand and ascertain what the proposals are, their short and long term impacts to individuals and to the environment. This is truly difficult. The PEIR document says that the scale does not fit in with rural location.

We have received insulting treatment from VF, when asking for information and explanations. We have been ignored, referred to generic information which is non specific and non helpful to our village and unique concerns, given ambiguous and non specific answers. We have to fight for information which has caused us to feel serious distrust and genuine worry as to the integrity of VF. We feel very ignored and very vulnerable.

Technology and progress are wonderful and at times miraculous. I fear though that in the hands of VF neither are safe or being used appropriately or with integrity and transparency.

I worry for the mental and physical health of residents who will be forced to live close to the substations. We hear of technology thought to be safe and after further research years later a complete U turn is announced. VF decrees that there are no proven negative health effects from living within close proximity to EMF - how long before research potentially discovers this to have been a mistake. It is entirely possible.

We do not want VF to disturb the Danish F16 plane crash site of 1996. VF were unaware of this event and have said that if they find hazardous waste, they will deal with it accordingly. I am sorry but due to their record so far at meetings and how it is impossible to obtain clarity and definitive answers to concerns, this is totally inadequate and unacceptable. If their cable trench is run through the site then it is possible that dormant presently undisturbed hazardous waste will be disturbed and residents should not have to live with this fear of the possible consequences. There have been cases of cancer within Ivy Todd, possibly higher levels than normal, my own family severely affected.

VF insists heavily in using the term 'mitigation'. No amount of mitigation will disguise this monstrous construction from my family farm. None. PEIR says that massive efforts won't be enough to screen the project within the life of the project. VF talk of tree planting and it seems the proposal may be to plant trees on our farmland. We only have a small farm, trying to make a living from 80 acres. We cannot afford to lose land to this proposal and would suggest it be placed beyond our boundary. If however, we refuse, will VF do nothing?

Technology has already moved on, and by the time the substations are constructed, it is possible that they will already be technologically outdated. My family put this point to VF when they visited our family farm, and they agreed, but added that this was the way it had to be to 'plug the gap'. VF never mentions inefficiencies and what happens on still days when there is little or no wind. When eventually, the substations are outdated and decommissioned, has anyone considered the ugly

permanent scars which will be left littered on the landscape. How ecologically friendly is this?

It is suggested that the power supplied by the substations will be approximately 1/3 of that needed to be able to shut present power stations. So this means that in order to supply 33 1/3% electricity supply, we have to live with a 10 year construction and a life time of permanent detrimental change. Future generations will be affected also. The technology may be outdated by the time the substations are completed.

If this construction goes ahead, we hope that there will be due consideration given to residents massively affected by blight, inconvenience, distress, devaluation, the loss of the beautiful countryside and views. My family was hoping to diversify into holiday lets in a beautiful location on the farm. The substations will obliterate the views and VF has stated that other leisure businesses in Necton to be of 'negligible value'.

The threat of terrorism is of great concern also. Could the substations become a target?

The stream in Ivy Todd is the only tributary to take away rain water. The stream floods, and my brother [REDACTED] has sent you footage and details of this. I do hope that you manage to watch this.

I would like to try and attend one of the meetings on 5th, 6th, 7th February. This may not be possible. I would not wish to speak. Thank you.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Yours faithfully

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