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Dear planning inspectorate,

Over the past few days I have been working on the field that you visited during your attended visits. This gave me the opportunity to further understand how the proposed structures are going to stand in the existing features and topography, which I find takes time, and I am still learning. Further up the gradient from where we took a second viewpoint, a view of Lodge Farm, Necton Wood, the 400kv power line and other wooded areas become clearer, and on a bright day I could judge the scale and distances, the best so far. I have included photographs to help explain my view.

The first photo shows Lodge Farm trees on the left, and Necton Wood to the right, from a view point on our narrow field further along from the visit view point. This point intercepts the view from the end of Vale House's drive, which was a visit view point NV14 Ivy Todd Road East, and also intercepts all the view points visited in Holme Hale. It enables the size of the converter halls to be judged just behind Lodge Farm trees which I would generously estimate to be 30-40 feet high, and in front of Necton wood, while the converter halls will be 62 feet high and 330 feet wide.

The second photo shows the existing substation showing the lack of mitigation of that development, which is to be extended, and if the trees to the left of the site were extended right they would screen the construction from us and Holme Hale.

The third photo shows the existing woodland and the view it forms. All these points suggests to me that trees planted on earth banking would massively help views at Ivy Todd west and east, our farm, and Holme Hale. I disagree with Vattenfall's opinion that Earth banks would not fit into the existing topography, as we already have mounds of trees on the horizon . If the banks were over half the height of the halls, there would be a degree of instant mitigation, and then as the years pass, there would be hope, as the trees grow, the view would get better with the possibility it could be totally hidden, and blend in.

Vattenfall visited the farm on the 25 Jan 2018 and took photographs from the same spot as these photos, I presumed to form a simulation montage to gauge the impact on us, but I have not seen any results.

Another point that has just occurred to me is about the consultation, and alternatives considered. As the consultation was conducted, the actual opportunity to influence the site position was to verbally, or write on a post it our preferred site, all within 3 adjoining fields, all basically the same place. This seam that this has been judged the absolute minimum required as far as alternative sites, and taking notice of people's opinions in the consultation is concerned, and to tick those boxes. There were no photo montages made of the options, just blocks on a map for residents to make a fast, and uninformed decision. I wonder now that the intention of the planning act, requiring a demonstration of alternatives, was to be a much more useful part of the consultation process, where a true alternative like Top Farm, or the Scarning site, or both should have been looked at in parallel with Lodge Farm, to demonstrate advantages and disadvantages, with photo montages for residents, and the applicant to compare. This would of had true value, and I and others would not feel as ignored, useless, and that the site had not been initially chosen in haste with no turning back.



Lodge Farm Trees.

Necton Wood



Trees to the left of existing substation.



Existing landscape.

Sincerely, Colin King.

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