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May we add a postscript to yesterday's Open Floor hearing, which we both attended.

In his disappointing summing up, Mr Horton, for the Applicant, seemed to take great offence at suggestions of box ticking, exhorting us several times to "read the Consultation Report".

If you search "consultation report" on the PINS website it returns 137 documents, published in July and August 2018, but dating back for some time prior to that. It was really only last December, when the Examination began, that residents started to become aware of the more detailed implications of the proposals.

Most people, including ourselves, will be naturally inclined to support renewable energy and wind farms, so the news that new schemes were being proposed would have been welcomed. We would also have assumed and expected that companies promoting their "Green" credentials would also take a positive approach in their dealings with local communities. Witness the comment in one consultation document (Oct 2017):-

"7.1 Our principles

Vattenfall recognises the importance of engaging with stakeholders, including communities, through its work. Our principles, which are adhered to throughout all our projects, including Norfolk Vanguard are:

- Openness and transparency*
- Providing opportunities to get involved*
- Sharing information and understanding*
- Listening and responding*
- Respect"*

Later, once we realised the implications on traffic and transport in Cawston, we might have returned to the documents and looked up the consultation details for that specific subject.

There are minutes of meetings:-

"Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

Appendix 9.21 Traffic and Transport Minutes Pre-S42

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Collins English Dictionary defines box ticking as

"derogatory

the process of satisfying bureaucratic administrative [requirements](#) rather than assessing the [actual merit](#) of something."

With the possible substitution of *attempting to satisfy* for *satisfying*, this seems to us a perfect description of Vattenfall's performance to date, with particular reference to traffic in Cawston and including Mr Horton's comments.

Thank you

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