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Dear Planning Inspectorate

We would like to comment on Mr Houghton's closing comments to the OFH on 24th April 2019.

Mr Houghton's tone and comments make us feel that he expects us to:

a. Read and understand and digest all the copy that has been published by the developer on the PINS website.

We would remind him that:

We are all lay people with no legal or technical training.

We do not have expensive advisers or assistants who are able to read and understand these documents in their entirety.

We have no paid consultants who are able to write responses for us.

Our lives do not allow time to read all the documents, let alone understand them, and unlike his good self, we are of course not paid to do so.

b. Accept his word that the consultation carried out by the developer goes beyond legal requirements and basically stop repeatedly complaining.

Our our answers would be that:

The basic legal requirements must be sadly lacking if the results of the developer's 'extended' consultation are anything to go by.

If they are so extensive then why did the consultation not cover the National Grid Extensions, which will over double the size of the existing NG substation together with the Dudgeon substation? It is Vattenfall's duty to consult on this.

Why did the consultation not include consulting with Necton on the decision to adopt HVDC? How would anyone expect residents to just accept a blatant box-ticking exercise (which despite his protestations is confirmed to be so by over 20 PCs and residents from the entire length of the project. We can't all be wrong), when the sanctity of their homes and their rights to enjoy said are going to be so severely impinged upon. When their small businesses stand to be completely ruined with no compensation. When the very structure of their homes is at risk in some cases, such as in Cawston and Oulton and Happisburgh.

c. Stop asking questions that he says have been adequately answered.

Our answer is:

Had our questions been adequately answered for OUR peace of mind, we would not have to keep asking them.

Many questions asked by residents at deadline 6 were not touched upon.

Previously we have been told that at hearing we should not repeat what we have said in writing, so we did not repeat them at the OFH. So when will these questions be answered?

The Planning Process seems sadly, to be fated to pit multi-million pound organisations with seemingly unlimited resources, time, finances, advice and assistance, against ordinary folk with no technical knowledge, who have jobs/lives/families/businesses and personal health issues to deal with, and no funds to pay for the advantages the developer's have. It is certainly not a level playing field.

So, we are reliant on the Planning Inspectorate whom we thankfully note are extremely vigilant, but alongside the optimism this gives us, we cannot believe and trust Mr Houghton or the developers and we will and must continue to protect our own homes and lives as best we can. No-one else would act any differently. For Mr Houghton to tell us that we should just accept the situation is extremely insulting. This is our very lives he is denigrating and belittling. We cannot give up because our lives and our families' lives depend on the outcome. Many

residents are being asked to completely surrender and lose the way of life they have chosen with nothing given in exchange.

We ask that the Planning Inspectorate put this project on hold. Allow time for government wheels (which turn frustratingly slowly) to instigate an Offshore Ring Main, paid for either by the government or the NG. (Whoever owns this could surely stand to make huge profits in the long term).

The movement towards such is growing exponentially both in government circles and local authorities, but it needs to include both Orsted and Vattenfall's projects.

Each developer could then pay the government or the NG a licence fee to connect, which would be paid for out of their savings from not cabling inshore.

The timescale would barely change because once the development was picked up again, the time saving of not cabling ashore would mean that the development would still most likely be up and running before the projected 10 years of construction (from the projected start date of 2022/2023) are up.

Thank you
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