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Dear Sirs,

I attach a letter in pdf format in relation to the above project.  
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Thank you,

V.I.Purdy

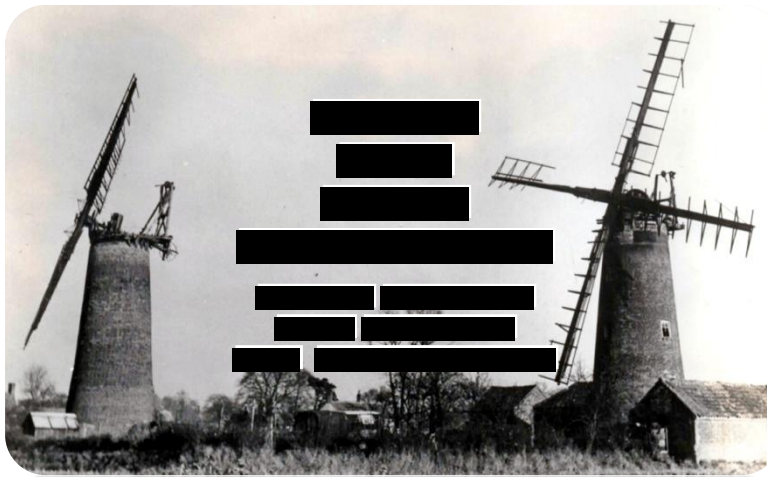
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25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Sir,

### **Norfolk Vanguard**

I have been reading through the proposed traffic arrangements for servicing the above project and in particular the proposed use of the B1145 which goes through the village of Cawston. I was born in Cawston and my family has lived in the village in excess of 100 years.

I have the following concerns associated with the proposal:

- The B1145 where it enters the village from the east passes Aspen Vale, this area between 1886 and 1927 was used to extract clay for brick making and as a result adjacent to the B1145 is a deep depression. The road embankment at this point is not at the correct angle for the soil type and I am concerned that with the proposed additional heavy goods traffic it will fail and the road will collapse.
- There is a school a little further west on the B1145 and children are encouraged to walk to school the proposed addition traffic would make this more difficult.
- The retaining wall supporting the properties on the south side of the B1145 between Cooks Hill and the Market Hill is already showing signs of deterioration and the proposed increase in heavy traffic is likely to accelerate the problem.
- The High Street has several listed buildings and by their very nature are likely to be structurally affected by the proposed additional heavy traffic. Off street parking is also extremely limited in this area and the proposal to introduce no parking on the High Street and Chapel Street could well result in cars parking in inappropriate places with the potential to restrict emergency vehicles.
- The old railway bridge at the west end of the village is already showing signs of subsidence and the additional heavy traffic will likely accelerate the existing problem. It is also an extremely tight bend and there is existing evidence of vehicles colliding with the structure. The bridge is also used by pedestrians from the properties to the west and this includes children going to school and persons using electric wheelchairs.
- The road bridge at Salle Beck is also a tight bend and it is difficult for cars to pass there let alone heavy goods vehicles. The existing bridge has already been damaged.
- The Human Rights Act Article 1 of the first protocol; Protection of property gives the right to every person peaceful enjoyment of their possessions. This imposes an obligation on the state not to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of property etc.
- The potential traffic problems occur because of the proposed use of the old Oulton Aerodrome for storage and accommodation which will result in numerous traffic movements over unsuitable roads. I am somewhat surprised that this site was ever considered as in 2014 an equally green scheme to build an Anaerobic Renewable Energy Facility was turned down by Broadland District Council and the subsequent appeal was dismissed by the Planning Inspector Susan Holland. The principle reasons for dismissal being;
  1. Highway safety and convenience
  2. The effects upon the living conditions of the residents in the Old Railway Gatehouse.
  3. Broadland District Council's policy TRA14 and companion Policy GS3(d)

If the proposal to use the old aerodrome is accepted the points raised in the above items 1, 2, 3 will extend through the village of Cawston and affect a significant number of people and properties. Full details of the appeal decision can be found Ref. APP/K2610/A/14/2212257 and I hope that this will be fully considered when coming to a decision.

- My concern is that the average person (as defined by Lord Justice Greer – *as the man on the Clapham omnibus.*) would have great difficulty in fully appreciating the magnitude of the project and the likely impact on their lifestyle and local community. At the meeting last night Mr Horton in summing up repeatedly referred to the “Consultation Report” some 137 documents dating back to 2018.
- I should also point out at the junction of the A1067 and B1145 at Bawdeswell there is a road sign that states the road is “*Unsuitable for long vehicles*” this sign can be viewed on Google Earth

Please fully consider the above points when coming to a decision and I hope that the relative peaceful nature of Cawston can be maintained.

Yours faithfully

**V. I. Purdy**