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To: HornseaProjectThree@pins.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Fwd: Plan to use Cawston as an HGV rat run!
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Good morning,
Please see below email In sent to Ofsted about the proposed vehicle route through Cawston.

This cannot happen! It is just not feasible. We will fight it all the way.

Regards,
Steve Brown
Cawston resident.

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From: Steve Brown [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 5 Mar 2019, 19:24
Subject: Plan to use Cawston as an HGV rat run!
To: <HornseaProjectThree@orsted.co.uk>

To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you regarding you plan to run hundreds of HGVs and other construction associated vehicles through the middle of Cawston everyday as part of your wind farm development.

I would love to come and speak to you face to face. But so far, apart from a glorified display at Reepham a few months ago you have not deigned to hold any form of meeting at a time that allows working people to attend. The first meeting was in Kings Lynn. Now, this coming Friday 8th March you have a meeting scheduled at 0900 in Norwich. This not only precludes working people from attending, but makes it difficult for older, less mobile villagers to attend without access to transport.

When will you have the courage to actually schedule an open meeting here in the village at a time that allows residents to see the public face of the corporate beast that wishes to wreak such havoc on our homes?

So, in the absence of a face to face meeting, here is why I so vehemently object to your planned route...

1. This village was never designed to deal with this sort of traffic. It is not a major road. It is too narrow. The buildings along that high street are hundreds of years old, and that amount of traffic for such a duration will damage them beyond repair. These are listed buildings, protected by legislation to preserve the character and heritage of the village. As it is we have some bus routes through the village and the existing HGV traffic that turns down Chapel Street to the Broadland Winery and the adjacent light industrial estate. When coupled with the agricultural traffic that frequents the area, there are already times when the traffic snags up and it takes 5-10 minutes to clear a blockage. With your HGV's rumbling through about every 5 minutes it would be farcical.

2. The danger to pedestrians. The pavements through Cawston are very narrow and there is a very real possibility that somebody will get injured by a passing vehicle. Crashing past.

Are you willing to take the chance that an elderly person or child is going to be badly injured as a result of this project?

There is a primary school that takes children from the village, many of whom walk to the school, and also from the surrounding area who are driven by their parents. The school entrance is on your proposed route.

3. The effect on the wider village roads. As people try to avoid the carnage you will have wrought on the village centre, they will be pushed onto the small single lane roads around the village which will then become accidents waiting to happen. If you have any experience of rural living, you will know there is nothing quite like the bowel loosening feeling of going round a blind bend and being confronted by an oncoming combine harvester.

4. The effect on local businesses. This proposal would discourage people from visiting the village to use local businesses such as the cafe/deli in the market place and the pub. You could effectively kill these businesses, and they will not magically re-open when this traffic ends. It will rip the heart out of the village centre. The other businesses down past the winery would also suffer as customers would be less likely to want to run the gauntlet of your fume belching, road hogging behemoths and will look elsewhere.

5. The effect on property prices. If anybody was thinking of putting their house on the market, there is no doubt that this traffic would have an effect on any achievable sale price. In fact homes in and around the route would become virtually unsaleable. Who in their right mind would purchase a home that is more akin to living on the London South Circular than a pleasant village through road? This brings me onto the subject of pollution. The high street is quite enclosed on both sides by the proximity of the buildings as mentioned previously. This will cause diesel fumes to hang in the area, particularly during hot weather leading to some of the more senior residents suffering respiratory issues.

I could go on, but I think you have the main thrust of my argument against this act of corporate vandalism. There are other roads where there are no buildings that lead you to your site. With a bit of work and clever thinking they could be utilised, preventing this.

Mark my words. This is only the beginning. This village will fight you every step of the way to stop this from happening.

Yours,
Mr Stephen & Mrs Clare Brown
Cawston

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