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To: Planning Inspectorate, Boreas Examination

Along with other interested Parties, Necton Parish Council (NPC) has already requested a delay in the Boreas Examination in response to measures in force to control the Covid19 pandemic. We note that no decision has yet been made by the planning Inspectorate. NPC can no longer make decisions face-to-face and there is significant disruption in our normal routines. All non-essential activities have been suspended. This includes representation in the Boreas examination.

We have had feedback from a number of our residents who are dismayed that they will be unable to contribute to the examination through the specific hearings designed to encourage public participation. They, like the rest of the country, are keeping isolated and indeed many are in the vulnerable category. This project will have a significant effect on their lives and yet they are being excluded from joining in the examination.

Since it is the government's directive concerning the Covid19 virus control (and we all support their actions) that has suspended participation in the Boreas examination, this directive should also suspend the Boreas examination itself. NPC believe it is morally right that this examination be delayed until the public are allowed to have their say regarding such a significant infrastructure project that will affect their lives for years to come.

Unfortunately, we are unable to make representations at this time, although there is much we would like to contribute to the examination.

Necton Parish Council