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Dear Planning Inspectors

It appears to us that the applicant is becoming increasingly desperate about time scales, (and thereby about their budget) of the examination and project, to the extent that they may have solicited (attached) 3 companies to plead on their behalf, even giving the suggestion that they might 'cancel' the project if the ExA and the Secretary of State do not bow to their demands that the timetable must run according to the applicant's wishes.

These letters appear solicited because two of the companies are not registered as IPs, and all three letters are paraphrases of the same written plea. We view these companies as not having participated in the examination process up till now, and therefore they may not understand the current position of interested parties regarding onshore matters and outstanding issues, which may result in the end of the examination being reached without them being able to come to a final position.

These acts of desperation are understandable, because time is certainly not of the side of the applicant's budget. However, to rush this process through would deny the public and stakeholders the right to have meaningful and interrogative interactions with the applicant.

This is especially true when you consider that the applicant's answers, currently, to questions from us, are almost entirely responded to by them saying they have already responded. Clearly their responses are not sufficient, or we would have no further questions to ask. Without face to face interrogatory conversations with the applicant, when direct questions can be asked through the auspices of the panel, we fear most of our questions will reach the end of the examination without being resolved.

The reason for requested delays is due to the Covid19 virus. Interested parties felt that they still had valid reasons for continuing the kind of dialogue which could only happen at hearings. The Covid 19 crisis is not the fault of those opposed to this development (in it's current form) and should not be unfairly treated as a result of it.

Had the applicant been more willing to compromise throughout the process, then the bulk of the objections could well have been dealt with by now, so they only have themselves to blame if they do not have the time of the available budget to deal with this worldwide emergency in a way that does not compromise their project, or the lives of those residents of Norfolk who must deal with the many shortcomings of the project for their entire lifetimes.

The only 'compromise' the applicant has made is to settle for HVDC, a compromise which has made things very much worse for Necton (without any consultation on the matter)

and has made no difference or improvement at all to the traffic impossibilities for other villages such as Cawston and Oulton.

We reiterate what we have said in the past, that NSAG does not feel this applicant has the funding or the knowledge to complete a project of this scale both successfully and with due care to the environment.

Also Vattenfall's [REDACTED] recently said: *"We have to be sensitive about where we place future projects. It will take work from all groups, from conservation groups right through to industry. It can be done, there is capacity, but it will take co-operation to get the right sites in the right locations."* This all implies that the Country Manager for Vattenfall thinks they haven't done a good job of this up till now, and that in the future they must do better. https://www.energyvoice.com/otherenergy/234163/offshore-wind-growth-key-to-future-of-basin/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Energy+Voice+-+Daily+Newsletter+2020-04-13&utm_term=Energy+Voice+-+Newsletter&fbclid=IwAR3n_bzU-U7TGpCKriU56Hz9i-VIu98G1LKBLWRBM5OLIkoi-EDrSn56BcI

It would seem that other industry players feel that Covid19 will cause delays to these and other projects in any case, and may take the projects out of the time and therefore budget window envisaged. [REDACTED], business development and operations director for Offshore Wind Consultants, warned that Covid-19 related construction restrictions could begin to impact delay schedules and increased costs for developers. He said it could "at best" increase costs for developers as they seek to fulfil contract obligations in the midst of delayed turbine supply.

Research firm GlobalData warned the UK could see stringent quarantine measures on turbine parts – resulting in a "materials supply bottleneck".

https://www.energyvoice.com/otherenergy/234493/north-sea-offshore-wind-projects-could-face-covid-19-construction-headaches-expert-claims/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Energy+Voice+-+Daily+Newsletter+2020-04-14&utm_term=Energy+Voice+-+Newsletter&fbclid=IwAR18vUHrC8kwW7j-ni3OMKXANemTYq0QIIYSOLW6ybxPZPdti_agIULrM4o

We hope that you will agree to publish this as a direct response to the three letters recently published.

Regards

NSAG