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Subject: Representation
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Dear Planning Inspectorates,

I wrote to you on 20th January 2020 regarding the unsuitable site entrance to the proposed new substations. In the statement below I expand on the issue of the site impacting on the local highways. I also outline the poor tree mitigation put in place by Dudgeon which is currently failing due to poor management.

Impacts to Highways caused by the selected unsuitable site A47 – Necton to Fransham

Below are previous representations highlighting the dangerous access points to the proposed substations and National Grid extensions;

When the Dudgeon Wind Farm was being built the access point did not allow vehicles to turn right into the site due to the dangerous entrance. All traffic was redirected to Dereham to turn around and come back to Necton. A large amount of signs were put up along the A47 trying to explain this instruction. Our driveway ([REDACTED]) ended up with 129 vehicles including HGVs, lorries, vans and cars coming down it, due to people trying to cut out having to drive all the way to Dereham and back. Another reason for so many ending up down the driveway was because the postcode for the surrounding area which includes the substation is the same. Numerous people would end up either stuck in HGVs at the bottom of the drive or tried to turnaround on the grass causing large amounts of damage which on one occasion resulted in the grass having to be re turfed by Dudgeon contractors. This existing entrance is still going to be used for the proposed National Grid extensions and we fear the same problems will happen again on a much larger scale.

The lay-by Vattenfall have selected as their new entrance is used frequently by members of the public and farm machinery, a lay-by should not be allowed to become an entrance to one of the largest substations on such a dangerous stretch of road. An accident only recently occurred near the proposed new entrance which you will be able to see on your site visit. I fear that people arriving to the site early, late or at night will park in it blocking it for other users or drive further along the road past Moor Lane/Spicers Corner entrance where there are several residential properties and farm buildings, causing disturbance and pollution for those living in the area. This happened on numerous occasions to the Canary and Linnet pub which is situated in Little Fransham. The owners had to close off their car park at night to stop people parking there and experienced regular vehicles turning around trying to access the site avoiding travelling 8miles in the wrong direction.

I wanted to make you aware of another incident which occurred near the proposed

new lay-by entrance on Friday 6th March at 10.45am. The fatal three vehicle collision involved a lorry tanker, lorry and a car. A car was waiting to turn into an entrance further along from the lay-by, when the driver realised a lorry coming from behind them was not going to be able to stop in time. This resulted in the lorry trying to avoid the car by swerving into the oncoming traffic. The driver in the lorry travelling the other way and the car behind sadly lost their lives. The lorry which caused the accident ended up on its side, which resulted in diesel and molasses (sugar beet syrup) leaking into the ditch which connects to the River Wissey.

I wanted to make you aware of this tragic accident, as this stretch of road is becoming increasingly dangerous without the additional rise of traffic and HGVs turning across the A47 at an already dangerous location where two accidents have happened in only a few months.

Please consider the severe risks that this project will have on Norfolk's roads and the disruption and increased danger to its residents for the foreseeable future.

Tree mitigation

The trees which were planted by Dudgeon in 2016-2017 have made very little progress in mitigating the substation which was poorly sited on high ground. The trees have been neglected and many have died, are in need of replacing, have blown over or are missing their tubing. If you drive through from Necton to Little Fransham you can see a large amount of the tubes stuck in hedges or blowing about on the fields. As I am sure you are aware, last autumn was very wet and the perfect opportunity to replace any dead trees. How will Vattenfall commit to fulfilling the further mitigation issues caused by the proposed extensions and two additional substations when the current trees are failing to shield the existing plot site?

Thank you.

I hope you are all staying safe and well.

Yours Faithfully

Lucy Sheringham