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To: [Norfolk Boreas](#)
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Dear Planning Inspectorate,
Please find attached my transcript from the recent hearing.
Subsequent to this I can inform you that Vattenfal have made an appointment to come to Cawston to look at access and egress issues [on Friday 30th July](#).
Kind regards
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Sent from my iPad

16th July 2020

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Norfolk Boreas Project – EN010087

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

Thank you for facilitating these virtual hearings and the extension to this examination.

Unfortunately we are now all aware of the Sec of States decision in relation to Vanguard, and the more worrying fact that examining body recommendations were not taken up. I remain hopeful that there is some value in remaining engaged with this process and trying to put my points forward

At the point we went into lockdown Vattenfal were due to attend a Cawston Parish Council Meeting, the meeting was duly cancelled but it needs to go on record that community consultation is vital for any project. I am unsure that concerns and suggestions have been fully heard and understood by Vatenfall. Taking heed of local knowledge even now could provide a different result. The joint councils offered alternative routes and this week I heard Counsellor Peck could suggest alternative compound sites which would again suggest alternative routes. Do Vatenfal believe we are too far down the planning process to view any change/ alteration as viable?

We now seem to be in a scenario of attempting to drive square pegs through round holes (and I am ironically aware of the term drive here). If you bash hard enough something gets through but the damage caused and end result are not what anyone would want. The many reasons this, and the others windfarm projects should not go through Cawston has been documented by so many residents, and the Parish Council so many times. With three PINs examinations to date I personally can no longer remember what I have said to whom feeling I continually repeat myself. Small changes to an inherently flawed Highways Intervention Scheme do not address fundamental risks to lives, homes and businesses.

Public Health England chose not to comment on the Vanguard application but the cumulative effect of so many applications, combined with the stress of the current pandemic should be recognised.

Our lives have been seriously impacted by these continual applications the time given to understand the systems, procedures and language is extensive. I now understand the word “blight”, these project applications have blighted our lives and will continue to do so to our home and community.

We cannot ignore COVID, currently individuals and businesses are struggling for various reasons pushing through large infrastructure projects at this time must be questionable. We still do not have any idea what will happen in the near future, deadlines and timescales for

every part of life are being pushed back. As each windfarm project follows on from the last extensions seem inevitable.

From what I believe is the latest Highway Intervention Scheme, I have additional major concerns. Specifically how are we supposed to enter/ exit this HGV traffic flow. It has already been documented by numerous bodies that my home is at significant risk because of its position NOW it seems attempting to leave or enter my driveway will now become lethal. Our driveway the vehicular and pedestrian access for us. With a HGV in a waiting position opposite us and one (or possibly two) in High Street deciding who is going to make the next move their focus will be on monitoring one another NOT us trying to ease out into this construction corridor, at what is already a pinch point will become a blind corner because of repositioning of HGVs further into the Market Street triangle. Vehicles from Chapel Street who are attempting to drive around the corner between the truck flow will also be at serious risk. I request all parties come and physically look at this a solution for everyone's safety must be assured. Digital plans may work in some scenarios but as we have already seen with the pavement/ road width situation, reality is often very different.

The cumulative effect of the current planning applications means Cawston could be enduring over a decade of consistent construction traffic with associated noise, vibrations and pollution. My children will be adults before there is any semblance of village life again – if in fact a village remains, physical buildings and businesses will be damaged.