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00:00:00.200 --> 00:00:03.700
Thank you everyone. Thank you. It's now
00:00:03.700 --> 00:00:06.400
 seven o'clock and welcome to
00:00:06.400 --> 00:00:09.700
 this open floor hearing which is now open.
3
00:00:09.700 --> 00:00:12.300
 Can I just confirm first of
00:00:12.300 --> 00:00:15.400
 all that everybody can hear me? You just put
00:00:15.400 --> 00:00:16.600
 your hand up if you can't
00:00:18.900 --> 00:00:19.500
got you there.
00:00:21.100 --> 00:00:22.300
Okay. Thank you.
00:00:24.400 --> 00:00:27.000
Can I think I've confirmed with the
00:00:27.700 --> 00:00:30.200
 technicians that the live streaming is working. All right.
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00:00:31.700 --> 00:00:32.800
Yes. Thank you.
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00:00:34.100 --> 00:00:38.000
Okay, this is the first open floor
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00:00:37.400 --> 00:00:41.300
 hearing for the application made by Sonica limited
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00:00:40.300 --> 00:00:43.400
who we refer to as the
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00:00:43.400 --> 00:00:47.000
 applicant for an order granting development consent
00:00:46.100 --> 00:00:49.400
for the Seneca energy farm project.
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00:00:50.600 --> 00:00:53.900
And this briefly comprises the construction operation
17
00:00:53.900 --> 00:00:56.700
 maintenance and decommissioning of a
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00:00:56.700 --> 00:01:00.200
Generating Station with gross electrical output capacity
19
00:00:59.200 --> 00:01:02.900
 of 50 megawatts comprising ground
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00:01:02.900 --> 00:01:06.000
mounted solar photovoltaic PV
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00:01:05.600 --> 00:01:08.300
 panel arrays a battery energy
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00:01:08.300 --> 00:01:11.400
 storage system with a growth storage capacity
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00:01:11.400 --> 00:01:12.900
 of over 50 megawatts.
24
00:01:13.600 --> 00:01:16.400
And connection to the UK electricity transmission
00:01:16.400 --> 00:01:20.000
 system and other Associated and ancillary development.
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00:01:21.800 --> 00:01:24.800
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My name is Graeme Keen. I'm a planning
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00:01:24.800 --> 00:01:27.600
 inspector and a solicitor employed by
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00:01:27.600 --> 00:01:30.600
 the planning inspectorate and I'm appointed
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00:01:30.600 --> 00:01:34.000
 by the Secretary of State for leveling up housing and communities
as
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00:01:33.100 --> 00:01:36.200
 the lead member of the panel examining this
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00:01:36.200 --> 00:01:39.000
 application. So I'll ask the other members of the
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00:01:39.500 --> 00:01:42.200
 panel to introduce themselves starting on my left.
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00:01:47.200 --> 00:01:48.000
Good evening, everyone.
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00:01:49.400 --> 00:01:52.600
I'm Karen Taylor. I'm a chartered Town planner
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00:01:52.600 --> 00:01:55.000
 and chartered member of the landscape Institute.
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00:01:55.900 \longrightarrow 00:01:59.000
I'm a member of a pool of qualified persons eligible
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00:01:58.200 --> 00:02:01.200
 to serve as an examining inspector.
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00:02:02.100 --> 00:02:06.000
I'm appointed to this panel and employed by the planning
inspectorate
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00:02:05.200 --> 00:02:07.500
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on a fixed term contract.
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00:02:08.100 --> 00:02:10.100
Thank you Mrs. Taylor and to my right.
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00:02:11.400 --> 00:02:14.300
Good evening everyone. Thank you Mr. Keane. My name
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00:02:14.300 --> 00:02:17.800
 is Guy Rigby. I'm a charter civil engineer and
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00:02:17.800 --> 00:02:20.800
 also a member of a pool of qualified persons eligible
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00:02:20.800 --> 00:02:24.100
to serve as an examining inspector, and I'm
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00:02:23.100 --> 00:02:26.200
 appointed to this panel unemployed by
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00:02:26.200 --> 00:02:28.200
the planning inspectors on a fixed term contract.
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00:02:29.100 --> 00:02:32.500
Thank you, Mr. Rigby together. We are
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00:02:32.500 --> 00:02:35.400
 the examining Authority otherwise known as the panel
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00:02:35.400 --> 00:02:38.200
 and will be reporting to the Secretary of State for
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00:02:38.200 --> 00:02:41.800
business energy and Industrial strategy recommending whether
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00:02:41.800 --> 00:02:44.400
the development can send order should be made
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00:02:44.400 --> 00:02:46.500
 and if so in what form?
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53
00:02:48.200 --> 00:02:52.300
The case manager for the project here this evening is Louise
54
00:02:51.300 --> 00:02:55.200
haraway, and she supported
00:02:54.200 --> 00:02:56.800
here by Ramil Bernie.
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00:02:57.500 --> 00:03:00.300
And Michelle Gregory is also
57
00:03:00.300 --> 00:03:03.200
 providing support remotely. If you have
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00:03:03.200 --> 00:03:07.100
 any questions about the technology, or they
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00:03:06.100 --> 00:03:10.100
 should be your first point of contact and they
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00:03:09.100 --> 00:03:12.700
 contact details are at the top of any letters you've received
61
00:03:12.700 --> 00:03:15.700
 or on the project page of the national infrastructure
62
00:03:15.700 --> 00:03:18.400
website. Please contact a
63
00:03:18.400 --> 00:03:22.100
 member of the case team if you need help this evening with the
64
00:03:21.100 --> 00:03:24.100
technology or other assistance.
00:03:25.700 --> 00:03:26.000
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00:03:27.300 --> 00:03:30.900
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I don't think there are many people on line.
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00:03:31.500 --> 00:03:35.400
In case there are I just
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00:03:35.400 --> 00:03:38.500
want to emphasize to please stay
69
00:03:38.500 --> 00:03:41.800
 muted unless you are speaking to minimize background
70
00:03:41.800 --> 00:03:44.300
noise and if you wish
71
00:03:44.300 --> 00:03:47.400
to speak irrelevant point, please use the team's hands
72
00:03:47.400 --> 00:03:50.300
up function and wait to be invited to speak or
73
00:03:50.300 --> 00:03:52.400
 ask to speak at the relevant time.
74
00:03:54.200 --> 00:03:57.100
The digital recordings we make of the
00:03:57.100 --> 00:04:00.200
 proceedings are retained and published and form a
76
00:04:00.200 --> 00:04:04.200
 public record that can contain your personal information. So
77
00:04:03.200 --> 00:04:06.500
pins practices to retain and publish
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00:04:06.500 --> 00:04:09.400
 recordings for five years from the Secretary of
79
00:04:09.400 --> 00:04:10.000
 State's decision.
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00:04:10.700 --> 00:04:13.700
If you take part in today's meeting, you should
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00:04:13.700 --> 00:04:16.900
understand you will be live streamed and recorded
00:04:16.900 --> 00:04:19.600
 and the digital recording will be
83
00:04:19.600 --> 00:04:22.100
 published if you participate through teams and
84
00:04:22.100 --> 00:04:25.200
do not wish your image to be recorded and then you should
85
00:04:25.200 --> 00:04:26.300
 switch off your camera.
86
00:04:28.200 --> 00:04:31.700
The other thing is that if you feel it's necessary to impart
personal
87
00:04:31.700 --> 00:04:35.500
 information during a
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00:04:35.500 --> 00:04:38.500
 representations. We would ask you instead to
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00:04:38.500 --> 00:04:41.600
provide it in a written document that we can redact
90
00:04:41.600 --> 00:04:42.800
before publication.
91
00:04:43.600 --> 00:04:46.600
Doesn't anyone have any questions on that specific
92
00:04:46.600 --> 00:04:47.000
matter?
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00:04:48.700 --> 00:04:52.100
Okay, thank you. So just
94
00:04:51.100 --> 00:04:55.400
 a couple of housekeeping points. Please can
95
00:04:55.400 --> 00:04:58.700
everyone set their device notifications to silent.
96
00:05:00.200 --> 00:05:03.500
If anybody needs the hearing Loop facility, please see a
97
00:05:03.500 --> 00:05:04.600
member of the case team.
98
00:05:06.300 --> 00:05:09.400
In the event of a fire alarm,
99
00:05:09.400 --> 00:05:12.500
 please exit through the doors behind you and
00:05:12.500 --> 00:05:15.200
through the main entrance stores.
101
00:05:16.900 --> 00:05:19.300
Toilets are located in the
102
00:05:19.300 --> 00:05:22.500
 corridor to my right through the doors there.
103
00:05:24.600 \longrightarrow 00:05:28.100
So I'll just explain a little bit about open floor
104
00:05:27.100 --> 00:05:30.300
hearings open floor hearing somewhere
105
00:05:30.300 --> 00:05:32.900
 individuals and organizations have their say
106
00:05:33.700 --> 00:05:37.100
cross questioning is not normally allowed and as
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107
00:05:36.100 --> 00:05:39.300
the examining Authority, we may ask
108
00:05:39.300 --> 00:05:42.600
questions that arise and we do
109
00:05:42.600 \longrightarrow 00:05:45.200
make necessary provision for the introduction of
110
00:05:45.200 --> 00:05:48.300
more detailed evidence from experts and
111
00:05:48.300 --> 00:05:51.500
others at issues specific hearings, otherwise known
112
00:05:51.500 --> 00:05:54.700
as ish's or through the written process
113
00:05:54.700 --> 00:05:57.300
and it is important to realize
114
00:05:57.300 --> 00:06:00.900
that the structure of the examination process and
115
00:06:00.900 --> 00:06:03.800
it is intended primarily to
116
00:06:03.800 --> 00:06:07.100
be a written process under the planning act 2008.
117
00:06:08.700 --> 00:06:11.700
People who have land or rights affected by compulsory
118
00:06:11.700 --> 00:06:15.200
acquisition or temporary possession are known
119
00:06:14.200 --> 00:06:17.300
as affected persons and they
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00:06:17.300 --> 00:06:21.800
 have the right to be heard at a compulsory acquisition hearing and
121
00:06:20.800 --> 00:06:23.400
 that tends to be the best way to
122
00:06:23.400 --> 00:06:26.700
 the best Forum to raise the those particular issues.
123
00:06:29.300 --> 00:06:32.200
So the agenda for the hearing is has set out
124
00:06:32.200 --> 00:06:36.200
 in the notification published on the national infrastructure
website,
125
00:06:35.200 --> 00:06:38.400
which you
126
00:06:38.400 --> 00:06:41.500
 I hope you may have a copy to hand. I'll just
127
00:06:41.500 --> 00:06:44.400
 go through I'll just go through it's fairly
128
00:06:44.400 --> 00:06:47.100
 straightforward open floor hearing's do not have
129
00:06:47.100 --> 00:06:51.000
 subject matter controls agendas and participants May
130
00:06:50.300 --> 00:06:54.200
 raise any matters arising from the application that
131
00:06:53.200 --> 00:06:56.300
 are important and relevant to the
132
00:06:56.300 --> 00:06:56.700
 decision.
133
00:06:58.400 --> 00:07:01.900
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These types of hearings aim to identify planning issues that
134
00:07:01.900 --> 00:07:03.500
 are important and relevant.
00:07:04.300 --> 00:07:07.300
Once an issue has been identified. It does not need to
136
00:07:07.300 --> 00:07:10.500
be repeated. It's sufficient to say that you agree
137
00:07:10.500 --> 00:07:13.400
with someone or so or something that a previous
138
00:07:13.400 --> 00:07:14.500
 speaker has raised.
139
00:07:16.700 --> 00:07:19.600
also, once you have spoken at one open floor
140
00:07:19.600 --> 00:07:22.500
hearing you do not have the right to speak again
141
00:07:22.500 --> 00:07:25.100
 at another so it is important that you
142
00:07:25.100 --> 00:07:29.000
use your allotted time well to communicate your messages
143
00:07:28.200 --> 00:07:30.700
to us that the panel
144
00:07:32.300 --> 00:07:35.600
and the evidence presented orally these hearings
145
00:07:35.600 --> 00:07:39.500
 should be included in any posts post
146
00:07:38.500 --> 00:07:41.900
hearing submissions that you
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147
00:07:41.900 --> 00:07:44.500
wish to make and submitted a deadline
148
00:07:44.500 --> 00:07:47.300
 for which is Friday week Friday
149
00:07:47.300 --> 00:07:49.700
the 6th 16th of December.
150
00:07:51.500 --> 00:07:54.800
So all speaking slots
151
00:07:54.800 --> 00:07:57.300
 our time limited and for reasons of
152
00:07:57.300 --> 00:08:00.900
 fairness the time limits shown on the detailed agenda
153
00:08:00.900 --> 00:08:02.500
will be closely applied.
154
00:08:03.400 --> 00:08:08.800
And we will remind you to conclude your representations
155
00:08:06.800 --> 00:08:09.800
 approximately one
00:08:09.800 --> 00:08:12.400
minute before the end of your allotted speaking
157
00:08:12.400 --> 00:08:12.700
time.
158
00:08:14.600 --> 00:08:17.600
So the agenda will consist of firstly representations by
159
00:08:17.600 --> 00:08:20.400
the named interested parties and the speakers
160
00:08:20.400 --> 00:08:23.100
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will be heard in the order shown under the list of
161
00:08:23.100 --> 00:08:27.300
 speakers in Annex a of the agenda. There
00:08:26.300 --> 00:08:29.100
 are a couple of changes to make to that
163
00:08:29.100 --> 00:08:32.300
 and late notifications now, I'll just
164
00:08:32.300 --> 00:08:35.100
 run those run through those shortly.
165
00:08:36.200 --> 00:08:39.500
That there will be a maximum speaking time of
166
00:08:39.500 --> 00:08:42.500
 five minutes that will apply to oral submissions made
167
00:08:42.500 --> 00:08:45.900
 by individual interested parties and a
168
00:08:45.900 --> 00:08:48.100
 maximum speaking time of 10 minutes will apply to
00:08:48.100 --> 00:08:51.700
 oral submissions made by organizations groups or
170
00:08:51.700 --> 00:08:55.200
 representatives of a number of individual interested parties.
171
00:08:56.600 --> 00:08:59.300
Non-interested parties will be heard at
172
00:08:59.300 --> 00:09:02.600
 the discretion of the examining Authority after the interested
persons.
173
00:09:03.300 --> 00:09:06.900
There included in the list of speakers in nxa, and
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174
00:09:06.900 --> 00:09:09.600
the same maximum speaking times and procedure will
175
00:09:09.600 --> 00:09:09.800
apply.
176
00:09:10.900 \longrightarrow 00:09:13.700
The examining Authority we will endeavor
177
00:09:13.700 --> 00:09:18.700
to hear all the speakers identified XA.
178
00:09:20.400 --> 00:09:23.100
So as I say we may
179
00:09:23.100 --> 00:09:26.500
ask questions of interested parties and the applicants
00:09:26.500 --> 00:09:29.400
 if we do that during a
181
00:09:29.400 --> 00:09:32.800
timed oral submission, then that time
182
00:09:32.800 --> 00:09:35.600
 that we take would not count against the speaking time.
183
00:09:38.700 --> 00:09:41.300
So the next item and
184
00:09:41.300 --> 00:09:44.500
 the the other items have stunt on the substantive agenda
185
00:09:44.500 --> 00:09:48.100
 is that after the representations have been made in accordance
186
00:09:47.100 --> 00:09:50.800
with that process? The applicant
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00:09:50.800 --> 00:09:53.900
will be invited to respond to matters
188
00:09:53.900 --> 00:09:56.600
 raised and to questions arising from
189
00:09:56.600 --> 00:10:00.700
the examining Authority either orally
190
00:09:59.700 --> 00:10:02.800
 after all interested parties
191
00:10:02.800 --> 00:10:05.800
 and non-interested parties have spoken or
192
00:10:05.800 --> 00:10:08.900
 in writing and again by deadline for
193
00:10:08.900 --> 00:10:11.500
which is Friday the 16th of December.
00:10:13.200 --> 00:10:17.400
So I'll now move to
195
00:10:16.400 --> 00:10:19.600
the to the
196
00:10:19.600 --> 00:10:22.200
 order of the running order that at that I've
197
00:10:22.200 --> 00:10:22.300
 got.
198
00:10:23.500 --> 00:10:26.000
and that I just want to make
199
00:10:26.800 --> 00:10:30.100
two before I do that. I just want to make two apologies
200
00:10:29.100 --> 00:10:32.700
 firstly. I gather that
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201
00:10:32.700 --> 00:10:36.200
 some of you may have understood that the meeting
202
00:10:35.200 --> 00:10:38.700
started at six o'clock and not seven o'clock
203
00:10:38.700 --> 00:10:41.500
and that may have been a misreading
204
00:10:41.500 --> 00:10:44.300
or a fault in presenting the
205
00:10:44.300 --> 00:10:47.100
notification letter for that and so for
206
00:10:47.100 --> 00:10:50.500
that I apologize and secondly because of
207
00:10:50.500 --> 00:10:54.000
the because we had a compulsory acquisition
208
00:10:53.700 --> 00:10:56.700
hearing this afternoon. We
209
00:10:56.700 --> 00:11:00.000
had to set up the tables in this way, which
210
00:10:59.100 --> 00:11:02.400
is not ideal for an open floor
211
00:11:02.400 --> 00:11:05.500
hearing where we would normally have people a bit
212
00:11:05.500 --> 00:11:08.700
closer in including a table where the speakers
213
00:11:08.700 --> 00:11:11.500
can sit out that a bit closer
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00:11:11.500 --> 00:11:15.600
 to the panel. So the that
215
00:11:15.600 --> 00:11:18.700
will be more like that on Fridays open
216
00:11:18.700 --> 00:11:21.700
 floor hearing and for this one, please please
217
00:11:21.700 --> 00:11:24.400
bear with us and if you
218
00:11:24.400 --> 00:11:26.600
 are down to speak if you can be
219
00:11:26.800 --> 00:11:29.300
And reasonably close to the
220
00:11:29.300 --> 00:11:32.700
 microphone. I'm not sure which microphone is
221
00:11:32.700 --> 00:11:35.000
 the live one. It's it's one of
222
00:11:35.100 --> 00:11:38.000
the ones opposite me we'll find out
223
00:11:38.200 --> 00:11:41.600
 in a minute, but I I see that
224
00:11:41.600 --> 00:11:44.900
 you've you've managed sort of gather yourself around so it
225
00:11:44.900 --> 00:11:47.100
would help the process if you're ready to
226
00:11:47.100 --> 00:11:50.300
 come up when it when it's your turn to speak.
227
00:11:53.400 --> 00:11:56.900
Okay, thanks for that. And it I
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228
00:11:56.900 --> 00:11:59.500
 still say it's important for recording and
229
00:11:59.500 --> 00:12:02.800
 review purposes before you speak and
230
00:12:02.800 --> 00:12:05.300
 each time you speak to make sure you state your name
231
00:12:05.300 --> 00:12:06.000
 and who you represent?
232
00:12:07.600 --> 00:12:10.900
So if there
233
00:12:10.900 --> 00:12:14.100
are any actions arising after everybody has
234
00:12:13.100 --> 00:12:18.100
 spoken in the applicant has responded then we
235
00:12:16.100 --> 00:12:21.100
will note these for
236
00:12:19.100 --> 00:12:22.600
 example if the applicant undertakes
237
00:12:22.600 --> 00:12:25.000
a specific course of action.
238
00:12:27.100 --> 00:12:28.900
And then we will close the hearing.
239
00:12:30.300 --> 00:12:33.500
So I'll get on
240
00:12:33.500 --> 00:12:37.700
 then and just go through the order of
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00:12:37.700 --> 00:12:38.400
 speakers.
242
00:12:41.100 --> 00:12:44.500
The first Speaker I had was Mark Knight the
243
00:12:44.500 --> 00:12:47.200
 tone manager of Milton Hall High Town Council who
244
00:12:47.200 --> 00:12:50.300
was attending virtually and I don't think he's he's online. Is
245
00:12:50.300 --> 00:12:51.600
he here in the meeting?
246
00:12:52.600 --> 00:12:54.300
No Okay, so
247
00:12:55.200 --> 00:12:59.100
The next person was now before
00:12:58.100 --> 00:13:01.300
 before I go through the rest of the
249
00:13:01.300 --> 00:13:04.700
 the order I've had to request from two
250
00:13:04.700 --> 00:13:07.400
 people Richard route and
251
00:13:07.400 --> 00:13:09.000
 Brian Harvey.
252
00:13:09.600 --> 00:13:13.200
Who I think are counselors and
253
00:13:12.200 --> 00:13:15.500
 I am told that they would
254
00:13:15.500 --> 00:13:18.200
 like to speak earlier rather than
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255
00:13:18.200 --> 00:13:21.800
 later because they have to be away soon. Are they
256
00:13:21.800 --> 00:13:22.000
 in the room?
257
00:13:23.100 --> 00:13:26.700
Hello, good evening. So and you're
258
00:13:26.700 --> 00:13:29.400
well positioned there except that I think the
259
00:13:29.400 --> 00:13:32.900
 the live mic is can can
260
00:13:32.900 --> 00:13:35.600
 you try your mic testing? Oh, that's good.
261
00:13:35.600 --> 00:13:38.800
 Is it working? Yeah, I think I can hear me. Yes. Can
262
00:13:38.800 --> 00:13:39.400
 everybody hear?
263
00:13:40.400 --> 00:13:44.100
Yeah, okay. Oh, well, that's that's good then if you you
264
00:13:43.100 --> 00:13:45.000
 can speak from there.
265
00:13:46.200 --> 00:13:50.000
What we'll do is I had
266
00:13:49.500 --> 00:13:52.700
 and is it councilor Harvey?
267
00:13:53.400 --> 00:13:56.900
If I'll ask you to speak first in
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00:13:56.900 --> 00:14:00.400
 a few minutes and then counselor
269
00:13:59.400 --> 00:14:01.500
 route, okay.
270
00:14:04.200 --> 00:14:07.500
So then the next person I have is Kelly
271
00:14:07.500 --> 00:14:10.600
 Petit from Fordham Parish Council.
272
00:14:11.400 --> 00:14:12.600
Hello evening.
273
00:14:13.300 --> 00:14:17.100
And then I had just frickenham Parish
274
00:14:16.100 --> 00:14:20.000
 Council. I wasn't sure who the representative was. It
275
00:14:19.200 --> 00:14:21.900
 might be a Susan Cornell.
276
00:14:23.100 --> 00:14:24.100
Oh good evening.
277
00:14:25.200 --> 00:14:28.500
And then we have Mr.
278
00:14:28.500 --> 00:14:29.500
 Kazelko.
279
00:14:30.100 --> 00:14:33.400
Evening, Mr. Kazalco. You're representing say no to
280
00:14:33.400 --> 00:14:34.300
 Sonica I believe.
281
00:14:35.500 --> 00:14:40.100
Yes, and then we have Jeanette Malkin
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282
00:14:39.100 --> 00:14:42.500
 friends of Isle home nature reserves.
283
00:14:42.500 --> 00:14:46.600
You're here. Good evening, and then Christopher corbyn.
284
00:14:45.600 --> 00:14:48.300
 I wasn't sure whether I think
285
00:14:48.300 --> 00:14:49.000
he might not be here.
286
00:14:50.600 --> 00:14:50.900
287
00:14:54.300 --> 00:14:55.600
Just called in and then.
288
00:14:57.900 --> 00:15:00.700
Alan Richardson, I think Mr. Richardson
289
00:15:00.700 --> 00:15:04.200
 is actually going to be represented by Barbara Richardson
290
00:15:03.200 --> 00:15:05.700
 and your here as well. Thank you very much.
291
00:15:06.800 --> 00:15:10.700
And then we have Linda
292
00:15:09.700 --> 00:15:11.900
 Homan.
293
00:15:12.600 --> 00:15:13.400
Yes. Thank you.
294
00:15:14.900 --> 00:15:17.300
Just bear with me a minute, please.
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00:15:25.800 --> 00:15:29.000
I think I'm told I may have missed Fiona Maxwell
296
00:15:28.200 --> 00:15:30.700
 from Chippenham Parish Council.
297
00:15:36.700 --> 00:15:37.200
worry about
298
00:15:37.400 --> 00:15:40.100
It for your hair. Anyway, she's good. Thank you.
299
00:15:40.100 --> 00:15:44.200
And then some Lee
300
00:15:43.200 --> 00:15:46.500
McLeod. Yes. Thank you.
301
00:15:47.600 --> 00:15:50.700
And then Isabel cross.
00:15:50.700 --> 00:15:51.300
Yes.
303
00:15:52.200 --> 00:15:54.700
Clear Tilbury.
304
00:15:56.100 --> 00:15:59.200
I don't think Ms. Tilbrook is going to
305
00:15:59.200 \longrightarrow 00:16:03.200
 be here this evening. No, Richard Saul.
306
00:16:04.300 --> 00:16:07.100
Yes and Jean Winters.
307
00:16:08.100 --> 00:16:12.100
Yes, good evening and John Bridges. Okay. Thank
308
00:16:11.100 --> 00:16:14.900
 you. Just in fulgar,
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309
00:16:14.900 --> 00:16:17.400
 okay?
310
00:16:20.100 --> 00:16:23.500
Just in fuga and Julia Huffer. Yes. Thank
311
00:16:23.500 \longrightarrow 00:16:26.300
 you Excuse me. Yes. I'm I've asked for an
312
00:16:26.300 --> 00:16:29.800
 additional five minutes because I'm a District counselor
representing five communities.
313
00:16:29.800 --> 00:16:31.200
 Oh I see, right.
314
00:16:32.600 --> 00:16:35.300
So I did ask by email and it was approved.
315
00:16:42.300 --> 00:16:45.100
Very good. Well, I'm sure we'll be able to accommodate that. Thank
you.
316
00:16:46.500 --> 00:16:49.400
And then counselor to pray
317
00:16:49.400 --> 00:16:51.600
 from cambridges County Council.
318
00:16:52.500 --> 00:16:53.600
Here. Thank you.
319
00:16:54.800 --> 00:16:57.600
And then we have John
320
00:16:57.600 --> 00:17:01.600
 Leach from the charity of Catherine stone. Is
321
00:17:01.600 --> 00:17:03.800
 that Catherine Shaw? Yes.
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322
00:17:06.900 --> 00:17:10.600
Sorry, oh I
323
00:17:10.600 --> 00:17:13.200
 see right so you don't wish to speak this evening. Thank you.
324
00:17:14.700 --> 00:17:18.600
Yes, right those
325
00:17:18.600 --> 00:17:21.700
all those through the people that I have on
326
00:17:21.700 --> 00:17:22.100
 the list.
327
00:17:23.400 --> 00:17:26.200
Okay, good guy. I apologize
328
00:17:26.200 --> 00:17:29.200
 in advance if I get one or two of those out of order, but if
329
00:17:29.200 --> 00:17:32.400
you can possibly remember the order
330
00:17:32.400 --> 00:17:35.400
 in which I called your names out and
331
00:17:35.400 --> 00:17:38.800
then be ready to come after the proceeding speaker.
332
00:17:39.800 --> 00:17:43.000
So this tonight
333
00:17:42.300 --> 00:17:45.300
 isn't with us. So we will
334
00:17:45.300 --> 00:17:48.900
 start then with Ms. Maxwell
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00:17:48.900 --> 00:17:52.800
 from Chippenham Parish. Okay, so
336
00:17:51.800 --> 00:17:54.800
 sorry. Yes, that's right.
337
00:17:54.800 --> 00:17:57.600
 See why
338
00:17:57.600 --> 00:17:58.500
 there's a panel of three.
339
00:18:01.400 --> 00:18:04.300
And so councilor Harvey If you
340
00:18:04.300 --> 00:18:08.400
would like to start us off, please you have 10
341
00:18:07.400 --> 00:18:11.500
 minutes and your time starts
00:18:10.500 --> 00:18:11.900
 now.
343
00:18:12.700 --> 00:18:15.100
Thank you. Good evening. Thank you for allowing me to come
344
00:18:15.100 --> 00:18:16.400
 and speak to the meeting today.
345
00:18:17.500 \longrightarrow 00:18:20.400
My name is Brian Harvey and I'm a District counselor in
346
00:18:20.400 --> 00:18:23.900
West Suffolk Council representing Man Award which
347
00:18:23.900 --> 00:18:26.300
 covers five Villages two of which straddle this
348
00:18:26.300 --> 00:18:26.900
 proposed project.
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349
00:18:27.700 --> 00:18:29.300
I freckenham and Wellington.
350
00:18:30.900 --> 00:18:33.900
Solar farm and I would say regeneration
351
00:18:33.900 \longrightarrow 00:18:36.600
 energy farm propose will
352
00:18:36.600 --> 00:18:39.300
have a significant impact upon this rural community
353
00:18:39.300 --> 00:18:42.100
with a minimum benefit the local
354
00:18:42.100 --> 00:18:43.900
 community or the surrounding area.
00:18:45.500 --> 00:18:48.500
How does this meet the principles the Public Services act
356
00:18:48.500 --> 00:18:51.200
minimum impact and maximum benefit?
357
00:18:52.300 --> 00:18:55.000
Indeed have approved in constructed will become one of
358
00:18:55.200 --> 00:18:59.200
the largest solar panel battery storage and regeneration Farms
359
00:18:58.200 --> 00:19:01.500
 over 500 megawatt plus
360
00:19:01.500 --> 00:19:05.200
when we now read the outline plans
361
00:19:04.200 --> 00:19:06.900
within the United Kingdom.
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00:19:08.500 --> 00:19:11.800
Whilst encompassing some 2,800 Acres
363
00:19:11.800 --> 00:19:14.800
 a prime Farmland grazing field
364
00:19:14.800 --> 00:19:17.900
 straddling both each Cambria District Council
365
00:19:17.900 --> 00:19:20.600
 and West Suffolk Council the she
366
00:19:20.600 --> 00:19:23.400
 is size of this proposal over the 40
367
00:19:23.400 --> 00:19:26.600
 year life cycle will effectively change this real
368
00:19:26.600 --> 00:19:28.000
 Community forever.
369
00:19:29.200 --> 00:19:32.200
We all understand the current energy crisis and the need
370
00:19:32.200 --> 00:19:35.200
 for green energy. But we also have an urgent
371
00:19:35.200 --> 00:19:38.300
 requirement for food production together where the
372
00:19:38.300 \longrightarrow 00:19:41.600
 corresponding reduction in food miles the production
373
00:19:41.600 --> 00:19:43.500
 and delivery of these crops.
374
00:19:44.600 --> 00:19:47.800
If approved this project will have a consequential
375
00:19:47.800 --> 00:19:50.600
 impact upon local businesses such as
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376
00:19:50.600 --> 00:19:53.400
 an anaerobic digestive plant
377
00:19:53.400 --> 00:19:56.200
 at Bay Farm Society adjacent to the Red
378
00:19:56.200 \longrightarrow 00:19:57.400
 Lodge to Wellington Road.
379
00:19:58.200 --> 00:20:01.300
The loss of this productive lend will incur an
380
00:20:01.300 --> 00:20:04.800
 extended cropping area and with the resultant increased
381
00:20:04.800 --> 00:20:07.600
 hgv traffic mileage and costs.
382
00:20:08.700 --> 00:20:11.300
These increased hgv movements will also be
383
00:20:11.300 --> 00:20:14.700
 using already overloaded rural highways
384
00:20:14.700 --> 00:20:17.100
 passing through our local villages.
385
00:20:18.300 --> 00:20:21.600
within the dco submission sonnica of cited
386
00:20:21.600 --> 00:20:22.600
 the Rochdale principle
387
00:20:23.400 --> 00:20:27.200
and they're currently do not have any specified design proposals.
388
00:20:26.200 --> 00:20:29.200
 But particularly concern is
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00:20:29.200 --> 00:20:32.400
 provision of 500 megawatt plus a battery storage
390
00:20:32.400 --> 00:20:32.900
 units.
391
00:20:34.500 --> 00:20:36.800
The scheme is designed as being green energy.
392
00:20:37.600 --> 00:20:40.800
When in fact the importation of low-cost cheap
393
00:20:40.800 --> 00:20:43.300
 electricity from the National Grid during
394
00:20:43.300 --> 00:20:47.000
 the low Peak period I either cheapest rates during
395
00:20:46.100 --> 00:20:50.100
 the early hours of the morning will in effect be importing
00:20:49.100 --> 00:20:53.000
 Surplus grid base load electricity
397
00:20:52.600 --> 00:20:55.300
 being generated from old style
398
00:20:55.300 --> 00:20:58.100
 fossil fuel power stations both from the
399
00:20:58.100 --> 00:21:01.900
 UK, and we've been in the European interconnector.
400
00:21:02.700 --> 00:21:05.600
The resale of this store electricity back onto
401
00:21:05.600 --> 00:21:09.300
National Grid will be a peak demand periods. Thus
402
00:21:08.300 --> 00:21:11.400
 maximizing the profits for the operator.
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403
00:21:13.800 --> 00:21:17.100
Concentrating on the battery storage units no designated
404
00:21:16.100 --> 00:21:19.500
 manufacturer or designed data has
405
00:21:19.500 --> 00:21:19.900
 been provided.
406
00:21:20.900 --> 00:21:23.300
The safety operating procedures and in the
407
00:21:23.300 --> 00:21:26.600
 event of a fire within an individual or multiple
408
00:21:26.600 --> 00:21:30.100
 units the production of toxic gases, which
409
00:21:29.100 --> 00:21:32.300
will be released during a fire into the
410
00:21:32.300 --> 00:21:33.000
 surrounding area.
411
00:21:34.300 --> 00:21:37.300
The Elms Road site is within one
412
00:21:37.300 --> 00:21:40.400
 kilometer of an extensive Red Lodge Housing Development
413
00:21:40.400 --> 00:21:41.600
 some primary schools.
414
00:21:42.600 --> 00:21:45.400
I would also refer to the recent health and safety
415
00:21:45.400 --> 00:21:48.300
 serious incident report issued after the
416
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00:21:48.300 --> 00:21:49.100
 Allstate.
417
00:21:49.700 --> 00:21:52.400
Site for in Liverpool dated the 15th
418
00:21:52.400 --> 00:21:56.000
of September 2020 and the serious issues
419
00:21:55.700 --> 00:21:58.000
 raised by the HSC inspectors.
420
00:21:59.100 --> 00:22:02.800
Currently there are no HSC approved design criteria
421
00:22:02.800 --> 00:22:05.700
 enforce covering the safety and design
422
00:22:05.700 --> 00:22:09.400
 specifications of these large-scale battery
423
00:22:08.400 --> 00:22:10.400
 storage units.
424
00:22:12.300 --> 00:22:16.000
These are being developed in conjunction with both Cambria and
Suffolk
425
00:22:15.300 --> 00:22:17.200
 Fire and Rescue Services.
426
00:22:18.700 --> 00:22:21.500
Sonica when challenged on these issues or unable
427
00:22:21.500 --> 00:22:24.600
to provide any clearances or details
428
00:22:24.600 --> 00:22:27.500
 as to the actual numbers size and
429
00:22:27.500 --> 00:22:31.000
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type of batteries to be installed and can
430
00:22:30.300 --> 00:22:34.000
continue to refer to the dco submission under
431
00:22:33.200 --> 00:22:35.300
the Rochdale principles.
432
00:22:36.500 --> 00:22:39.500
I would refer you to the Sonica outline battery fire
433
00:22:39.500 --> 00:22:40.200
safety plan.
434
00:22:41.700 --> 00:22:43.100
the tract version
435
00:22:43.700 --> 00:22:46.100
in which very statements are proposals have been
436
00:22:46.100 --> 00:22:49.500
made with typical battery units being proposed at five
437
00:22:49.500 --> 00:22:53.600
10 and 25 megawatt units firefighting water
438
00:22:53.600 --> 00:22:56.700
stories to deliver 1500 liters per minute
439
00:22:56.700 --> 00:23:01.700
with containers able to store possible contaminated
440
00:23:01.700 --> 00:23:04.600
water for testing. This proposal is
441
00:23:04.600 --> 00:23:08.000
for a 500 megawatt plus site and
442
00:23:07.200 --> 00:23:12.000
the plan submitted are only indicative. I
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443
00:23:10.300 --> 00:23:13.500
 underline the word indicative.
444
00:23:14.100 --> 00:23:18.200
All subsequent reviews and the final approval would then
445
00:23:17.200 --> 00:23:21.500
 fall back onto Suffolk County Council Cambridge
446
00:23:20.500 --> 00:23:23.700
 County Council East Cambria
447
00:23:23.700 --> 00:23:26.400
 District Council and West Suffolk District
448
00:23:26.400 --> 00:23:29.900
 Council staff officers with consequential
449
00:23:29.900 --> 00:23:33.000
 costs being incurred by residents via
450
00:23:32.100 --> 00:23:35.200
 their council tax increase payments.
451
00:23:36.500 --> 00:23:40.400
How does this comply with the public services social value
00:23:39.400 --> 00:23:44.000
 at 2012 or
453
00:23:43.600 --> 00:23:45.500
 benefit the local community?
454
00:23:46.900 --> 00:23:50.000
The issues concerning the lack of specified design
455
00:23:49.600 --> 00:23:52.300
 and development are still causing
456
00:23:52.300 --> 00:23:55.300
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considerable distress among our local
457
00:23:55.300 --> 00:23:59.100
 residents and need to be urgently addressed to
458
00:23:58.100 --> 00:24:02.000
a satisfactory conclusion before any
459
00:24:01.500 --> 00:24:05.000
possible decision or consideration is
460
00:24:04.600 --> 00:24:07.900
undertaken to refuse or approve
461
00:24:07.900 --> 00:24:08.800
the scheme.
462
00:24:10.100 --> 00:24:13.800
Page 10 of the outline battery Safety
463
00:24:13.800 --> 00:24:16.400
Management plan sub paragraph two
464
00:24:16.400 --> 00:24:19.900
point six five of this volume seven report states
00:24:19.900 --> 00:24:23.000
that only wants the dco is
466
00:24:22.500 --> 00:24:25.700
granted. Then this outline battery
467
00:24:25.700 --> 00:24:28.700
Fire Safety Management plan will be secured
468
00:24:28.700 --> 00:24:31.500
through the requirements of schedule to of the
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dco.

00:24:31.500 --> 00:24:32.100

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470
00:24:33.200 --> 00:24:36.400
In view of the real concerns being raised by residents and
471
00:24:36.400 --> 00:24:39.500
 businesses within the area. This scheme should
472
00:24:39.500 --> 00:24:42.700
be refused until a fully detailed
473
00:24:42.700 --> 00:24:45.700
 submission together with the outline battery
474
00:24:45.700 --> 00:24:48.900
 Fire Safety Management plan has been undertaken
475
00:24:48.900 --> 00:24:51.800
which addresses all the issues and
476
00:24:51.800 --> 00:24:54.500
 concerns raised throughout this examination
477
00:24:54.500 --> 00:24:55.600
 period. Thank you.
478
00:25:06.400 --> 00:25:09.800
Okay, thank you very much councilor. And next
479
00:25:09.800 --> 00:25:13.200
we have counselor Richard
480
00:25:12.200 --> 00:25:16.200
Wright. Cancel your
481
00:25:15.200 --> 00:25:17.900
 time starts now.
482
00:25:18.800 --> 00:25:21.700
Good evening. I'm councilor Richard routes Deputy
483
00:25:21.700 --> 00:25:24.800
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leader of Suffolk County Council and Cabinet member
484
00:25:24.800 --> 00:25:26.600
 for finance and environment.
485
00:25:28.800 --> 00:25:31.700
You will hear from SCC officers and legal
486
00:25:31.700 --> 00:25:34.400
 Representatives on the technical details that
487
00:25:34.400 --> 00:25:37.600
 issues specific hearings, but I want to thank the examining
488
00:25:37.600 --> 00:25:41.100
 Authority for this opportunity to set out scc's overall
489
00:25:40.100 --> 00:25:43.300
 approach. What are our objectives are
490
00:25:43.300 --> 00:25:46.800
 in this examination? And what are many and varied issues
491
00:25:46.800 --> 00:25:47.700
 are with this project?
492
00:25:48.700 --> 00:25:50.700
first to add some context
493
00:25:51.500 --> 00:25:56.000
I have the political responsibility for overseeing sec's
494
00:25:54.300 --> 00:25:57.300
 response to nationally significant
495
00:25:57.300 --> 00:26:00.400
 infrastructure projects. It's a responsibility. I've held
496
00:26:00.400 --> 00:26:01.100
 since 2018.
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497
00:26:02.200 --> 00:26:05.100
over this period i and the team I've worked with
498
00:26:05.100 --> 00:26:06.100
have
499
00:26:08.200 --> 00:26:10.000
engaged with and responded to
500
00:26:11.200 --> 00:26:15.400
Size we'll see one of only two plans nuclear plants
501
00:26:14.400 --> 00:26:17.400
 in the UK the EA one
502
00:26:17.400 --> 00:26:21.300
North and ea2 wind farms major interconnectors
503
00:26:20.300 --> 00:26:23.400
 connecting the UK National Grid to the continent
504
00:26:23.400 --> 00:26:26.200
 at Suffolk and the bramford to twinstead and
505
00:26:26.200 --> 00:26:29.200
 East Anglia green pylon runs, which form part of
506
00:26:29.200 --> 00:26:32.200
 a large number of transmission projects to reinforce the
507
00:26:32.200 --> 00:26:35.500
 grid as our region becomes one of the greatest exporters of
508
00:26:35.500 --> 00:26:36.700
 clean energy in the country.
509
00:26:38.100 --> 00:26:41.400
The County Council is also successfully promoted. Its own dco
project
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00:26:41.400 --> 00:26:44.500
 under the NSF planning regime to authorize the lake
511
00:26:44.500 --> 00:26:47.500
 loathing third Crossing at lowestoft, which is now under
construction
512
00:26:47.500 --> 00:26:48.700
as the Goldwing Bridge.
513
00:26:49.300 --> 00:26:52.900
The County Council therefore has a good understanding of the
responsibilities
514
00:26:52.900 --> 00:26:55.500
 and pressures on a scheme promoter as
515
00:26:55.500 --> 00:26:59.000
well as experiences as a host Authority and regulating
516
00:26:58.000 --> 00:26:59.800
Authority.
517
00:27:01.300 --> 00:27:04.500
This experience that we at Suffolk County Council have in dealing
518
00:27:04.500 --> 00:27:07.500
with national significant infrastructure projects. I hope
519
00:27:07.500 --> 00:27:10.200
gives weight and credibility when that I
520
00:27:10.200 --> 00:27:13.800
when I state that both in terms of quality of proposal and
engagement
521
00:27:13.800 --> 00:27:16.500
 from the developer. The proposed Sonica project
522
00:27:16.500 --> 00:27:19.800
 is in my opinion the poorest application
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523
00:27:19.800 --> 00:27:21.500
 I have dealt with to date.
524
00:27:22.100 --> 00:27:24.600
It's not a statement I make lightly and there.
00:27:27.600 --> 00:27:32.500
It's not
526
00:27:32.500 --> 00:27:35.100
 a statement I make lightly and there remain a number
527
00:27:35.100 --> 00:27:38.700
 of issues that unless satisfactory resolved in short order should
528
00:27:38.700 --> 00:27:41.600
 prevent the sonaker application from being consented in
529
00:27:41.600 --> 00:27:42.400
 its current form.
530
00:27:43.600 --> 00:27:46.600
We of course recognize that suffix geography
531
00:27:46.600 --> 00:27:49.600
 means it has a very important location for low
532
00:27:49.600 --> 00:27:52.400
 carbon energy projects and note that Suffolk
533
00:27:52.400 --> 00:27:55.200
 hosts a huge proportion of the UK's new
534
00:27:55.200 --> 00:27:57.300
 low carbon generation projects.
535
00:27:58.500 --> 00:28:01.600
SCC is adopted a policy of being supportive in principal
536
00:28:01.600 --> 00:28:05.600
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to renewable and low carbon energy generation schemes whilst
537
00:28:04.600 --> 00:28:07.300
 ensuring that the impacts of these schemes are
538
00:28:07.300 --> 00:28:07.700
 minimized.
539
00:28:08.700 --> 00:28:11.400
We're behind the national ambition to achieve net zero
540
00:28:11.400 --> 00:28:14.700
 for the UK SCC has declared a climate emergency and
541
00:28:14.700 --> 00:28:17.400
we are fully aware and supportive of the need for new
542
00:28:17.400 --> 00:28:20.600
 large-scale low carbon electricity generation.
543
00:28:21.900 --> 00:28:24.700
The national benefits coming with this accumulation
544
00:28:24.700 --> 00:28:27.100
 of infrastructure are welcome. But by the same
00:28:27.100 --> 00:28:30.700
 token the combined impacts of acutely concentrated
546
00:28:30.700 --> 00:28:32.300
 on our local communities and environment.
547
00:28:33.200 --> 00:28:36.800
as a rural County with a vibrant economy strong communities
548
00:28:36.800 --> 00:28:40.400
 and a rich natural and cultural heritage the
549
00:28:39.400 --> 00:28:42.500
 speed and scale of this transformation of our
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550
00:28:42.500 --> 00:28:45.500
 energy infrastructure means that Suffolk County council's position
551
00:28:45.500 --> 00:28:48.200
 must be to demand the highest standards of
00:28:48.200 --> 00:28:51.200
 all major projects including this one in terms
553
00:28:51.200 --> 00:28:54.100
 of design mitigation and reducing the
554
00:28:54.100 --> 00:28:57.600
 impact on our communities as best as possible and where appropriate
555
00:28:58.600 --> 00:29:01.500
Compensation for residual impacts thus far
556
00:29:01.500 --> 00:29:04.200
 Seneca has failed to meet their standard by
557
00:29:04.200 --> 00:29:04.800
 some distance.
558
00:29:06.800 --> 00:29:09.400
Comprehensive account of the issues with this scheme has
559
00:29:09.400 --> 00:29:12.600
 been presented in the joint local impact report which our Council
560
00:29:12.600 --> 00:29:14.000
 produced with our partner authorities.
561
00:29:14.800 --> 00:29:17.200
I don't propose to go into this specific details now,
562
00:29:17.200 --> 00:29:20.900
 but I do want to take a few moments to highlight some of the
overarching concerns.
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00:29:22.400 --> 00:29:25.700
The first relates to the geographical scale of
564
00:29:25.700 --> 00:29:28.300
 this proposal. It's not simply an object that
565
00:29:28.300 --> 00:29:31.800
 sits within the landscape it entirely transforms the
566
00:29:31.800 --> 00:29:34.200
 landscape around several Villages and does so
567
00:29:34.200 --> 00:29:37.800
 permanently I use that word quite deliberately given
568
00:29:37.800 --> 00:29:40.500
 the 40 year consent sought by the applicant which
569
00:29:40.500 --> 00:29:43.500
 means the transformation will endure for more than a generation.
570
00:29:44.500 --> 00:29:47.900
the location is also intensely Rural and valued
571
00:29:47.900 --> 00:29:50.400
 as such meaning there's a heightened need
572
00:29:50.400 --> 00:29:53.400
 to address all the impacts of the 24-month construction period
573
00:29:54.200 \longrightarrow 00:29:57.800
the expectation must be for an exemplary approach to mitigation
574
00:29:57.800 --> 00:30:00.600
 and avoidance of impact on the environment the community
575
00:30:00.600 --> 00:30:02.700
 the economy and our infrastructure.
576
00:30:04.500 --> 00:30:07.100
For this application. This does not appear to have been
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577
00:30:07.100 --> 00:30:10.600
 the case and worryingly the low quality of the submission means
578
00:30:10.600 --> 00:30:13.700
 it is difficult to have confidence that the applicant has full
understanding
579
00:30:13.700 --> 00:30:16.200
 of the impacts. So into more
580
00:30:16.200 --> 00:30:19.700
 detail some assessment of the impacts have serious shortcomings
581
00:30:19.700 --> 00:30:22.500
 in terms of both evidence and methodology meaning that
582
00:30:22.500 --> 00:30:24.800
 they can't provide useful conclusions on impacts.
583
00:30:25.600 --> 00:30:28.200
The presentation of the documents make it difficult to get
584
00:30:28.200 --> 00:30:31.700
 to grips with what the proposals and its impact are including how
585
00:30:31.700 --> 00:30:34.200
 it be experienced and felt by the people who
586
00:30:34.200 --> 00:30:35.000
 live near it.
587
00:30:35.700 --> 00:30:38.100
Mitigation proposals do not appear to be tailored to
588
00:30:38.100 --> 00:30:41.700
 the local context and or certainly are not particularly ambitious
589
00:30:41.700 --> 00:30:42.600
 in scope or scale.
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590
00:30:43.500 --> 00:30:46.500
These issues could and should have been addressed through better
591
00:30:46.500 --> 00:30:49.600
 engagement and more careful listening and responding to
592
00:30:49.600 --> 00:30:52.700
 concerns raised by our well-informed local communities
593
00:30:52.700 --> 00:30:53.600
 and local authorities.
594
00:30:54.700 --> 00:30:57.200
Pre-application phase of this project was a huge
595
00:30:57.200 --> 00:31:00.700
 missed opportunity to build greater consent and buy-in through
596
00:31:00.700 --> 00:31:03.400
 careful communication and in-depth collaboration on
597
00:31:03.400 --> 00:31:05.300
 an amendment to these proposals.
598
00:31:06.200 --> 00:31:09.500
This is highly disappointing and frustrating and is a
599
00:31:09.500 --> 00:31:12.500
 poor reflection on seneca's approach to the entire proposal
600
00:31:13.800 --> 00:31:16.300
I will then slightly more positively by saying that there
601
00:31:16.300 --> 00:31:19.900
has been some progress at times particularly very recently where
602
00:31:19.900 --> 00:31:22.600
 the applicants team have been able to discuss issues
603
00:31:22.600 --> 00:31:25.400
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in more detail such as on-site visits or technical
604
00:31:25.400 --> 00:31:26.000
 workshops.
605
00:31:26.900 --> 00:31:29.500
My feeling is that all sides have Come Away with a
606
00:31:29.500 --> 00:31:32.200
 somewhat better understanding of the project and ideas for how
607
00:31:32.200 --> 00:31:35.500
 to take this forward. It is deeply frustrating that
608
00:31:35.500 --> 00:31:38.600
 this kind of progress is only now being made at this
609
00:31:38.600 --> 00:31:41.700
 stage of a planning process, which is supposed to be front loaded
610
00:31:41.700 --> 00:31:44.400
 and my concern is that there are real risks.
611
00:31:44.400 --> 00:31:47.200
 It comes too late to markedly improve the
00:31:47.200 --> 00:31:47.800
 proposal.
613
00:31:49.400 --> 00:31:52.400
However, I have to repeat and stress the overall position
614
00:31:52.400 --> 00:31:55.000
 of this and other councils which was set out in the
615
00:31:55.300 --> 00:31:58.400
 local impact report and remains very much at the
616
00:31:58.400 --> 00:32:01.200
 front of Suffolk County. Council's mind. I quote from
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617
00:32:01.200 --> 00:32:04.900
 the local impact reporter paragraph 1.1 overall. The
618
00:32:04.900 --> 00:32:07.100
 position of the councils is there are a number of
619
00:32:07.100 --> 00:32:10.600
 issues with the Sonica proposal that to a
620
00:32:10.600 --> 00:32:13.600
 greater or lesser degree should prevent the project from
621
00:32:13.600 --> 00:32:17.300
 being consented in its current form despite desirability
622
00:32:16.300 --> 00:32:19.300
 of low carbon sources of energy generation.
623
00:32:20.300 --> 00:32:23.200
To conclude the remains a very great deal of work
624
00:32:23.200 --> 00:32:26.200
 to be done and potentially further change requests to
625
00:32:26.200 --> 00:32:29.500
 be proposed by the applicant before this proposal can be
626
00:32:29.500 --> 00:32:32.500
 considered anywhere near acceptable and not
627
00:32:32.500 --> 00:32:35.000
 a great deal of time in which to achieve it. Thank you
628
00:32:35.200 --> 00:32:35.500
 for your time.
629
00:32:41.600 --> 00:32:42.200
Thank you, everyone.
630
00:32:43.800 --> 00:32:44.000
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0kay.
631
00:32:45.200 --> 00:32:48.100
If you could I appreciate the need to
632
00:32:48.100 --> 00:32:51.100
express approval of what's been said if you feel the need
633
00:32:51.100 --> 00:32:55.000
to do so, but if I does eat into the to the
634
00:32:54.700 --> 00:32:58.500
 time that we've got this evening some way
635
00:32:58.500 --> 00:33:01.800
 so if I could just ask you some forbearance
636
00:33:01.800 --> 00:33:02.800
on that as we go forward.
637
00:33:03.600 --> 00:33:06.000
And we got now I think.
638
00:33:08.900 --> 00:33:11.200
Fiona Maxwell haven't we
639
00:33:11.200 --> 00:33:13.100
 from Chippenham Parish Council?
640
00:33:14.500 --> 00:33:18.300
Good evening. Again. This Maxwell this microphone.
641
00:33:17.300 --> 00:33:19.300
We're all it is. Yeah.
642
00:33:20.700 --> 00:33:23.300
So you have 10 minutes
643
00:33:23.300 --> 00:33:26.100
 and your time starts now? Okay, my name
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644
00:33:26.100 --> 00:33:29.400
 is Fiona Maxwell. I'm the chairman of Chippenham Parish
645
00:33:29.400 --> 00:33:29.700
 Council.
646
00:33:30.600 --> 00:33:33.800
I have lived in Chippenham for nearly 40 years and
647
00:33:33.800 --> 00:33:36.000
 been a member of the parish council for 20.
648
00:33:37.100 --> 00:33:40.500
In this time, I have never come across a development
649
00:33:40.500 --> 00:33:43.500
 or Village issue that has caused so
650
00:33:43.500 --> 00:33:46.600
 much hurt and anxiety amongst our residents
651
00:33:46.600 --> 00:33:49.100
 nor one were the response has been
652
00:33:49.100 --> 00:33:51.400
 so overwhelmingly in accord.
00:33:52.500 --> 00:33:55.500
There is no one who thinks the scheme is a good idea.
654
00:33:56.800 --> 00:33:59.600
I regularly walk my dogs in the village and in
655
00:33:59.600 --> 00:34:02.600
 other locations affected by the scheme during these
656
00:34:02.600 --> 00:34:05.300
walks. I encountered many others some known to
657
00:34:05.300 --> 00:34:08.800
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me some not who wish to express Their Fear for the countryside to
658
00:34:08.800 --> 00:34:09.800
 a parish councilor.
00:34:10.600 --> 00:34:13.100
It is a subject which cannot be ignored.
660
00:34:14.400 --> 00:34:17.600
One common theme is the sweep of agricultural fields, which
661
00:34:17.600 --> 00:34:20.400
we walk ride and drive among. This is
662
00:34:20.400 --> 00:34:24.000
 and always has been an agricultural area. We watched
663
00:34:23.300 --> 00:34:26.300
the seasons turn from green growth to
664
00:34:26.300 --> 00:34:29.200
 colorful crops to the more muted shades of autumn and
665
00:34:29.200 --> 00:34:32.000
winter there is real distress that this will be
00:34:32.600 --> 00:34:34.200
 replaced by an industrial landscape.
667
00:34:35.600 --> 00:34:38.900
Few people are against renewable energy, but the
668
00:34:38.900 --> 00:34:41.500
 scheme is too large and too harmful
669
00:34:41.500 --> 00:34:44.600
 in so many ways and there are much better ways of
670
00:34:44.600 --> 00:34:46.800
 achieving renewable energy aims.
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671
00:34:47.700 --> 00:34:50.200
It is a scheme which spreads itself out across the
672
00:34:50.200 --> 00:34:53.400
 region. No Village is left unblited.
673
00:34:54.300 --> 00:34:57.700
If an evil doer had set out to cause maximum harm
674
00:34:57.700 --> 00:35:00.400
 to maximum numbers. This would
675
00:35:00.400 --> 00:35:01.000
fit the bill.
676
00:35:01.900 --> 00:35:04.800
Everyone is affected in some way. None of
677
00:35:04.800 --> 00:35:05.200
 it good.
678
00:35:06.100 --> 00:35:09.200
And for more than 40 years a lifetime for most of
679
00:35:09.200 --> 00:35:09.400
 us.
680
00:35:10.200 --> 00:35:14.000
The sights affected will never return to how they are now of
681
00:35:13.100 --> 00:35:15.200
 that we can be sure.
682
00:35:16.500 --> 00:35:19.700
Chippenham is a village which has existed since the Doomsday
683
00:35:19.700 --> 00:35:23.200
 Book and remained unchanged for centuries development
684
00:35:22.200 --> 00:35:25.300
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over the previous few decades has
685
00:35:25.300 --> 00:35:28.400
 been sympathetic to the original Village and most buildings on
00:35:28.400 --> 00:35:29.900
 Old maps are still present.
687
00:35:30.700 --> 00:35:33.700
We can say the same about our neighboring villages with
688
00:35:33.700 --> 00:35:36.300
whom we share special bonds from history to
689
00:35:36.300 --> 00:35:37.000
 the present day.
690
00:35:37.900 --> 00:35:40.500
The Seneca scheme interposes itself between
691
00:35:40.500 --> 00:35:43.100
 villages in a way that seems designed to cut them
692
00:35:43.100 --> 00:35:43.800
 off from each other.
693
00:35:47.300 --> 00:35:50.700
Parish Council share the concerns of East Cambridge District Council
694
00:35:50.700 --> 00:35:53.500
 about the impact of the scheme on the grade two listed
695
00:35:53.500 --> 00:35:55.000
 Chippenham Park and driveway.
696
00:35:55.700 --> 00:35:58.500
The park is a major distinguishing feature of our village
697
00:35:58.500 --> 00:36:01.800
 and of historical importance the schemas
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698
00:36:01.800 --> 00:36:04.300
 undoubtedly detrimental to the park changing the
699
00:36:04.300 --> 00:36:07.400
 rural setting and interrupting the views and the
00:36:07.400 --> 00:36:10.500
 proposed mitigation May exacerbate this by further blocking
701
00:36:10.500 --> 00:36:11.300
 those views.
702
00:36:12.200 --> 00:36:15.400
As an early stage, the effective villagers came
703
00:36:15.400 --> 00:36:18.300
 together to form the parish council's Alliance, which I
704
00:36:18.300 --> 00:36:21.800
 also chair this enables us to work together and
705
00:36:21.800 --> 00:36:24.300
 to share information about the Seneca scheme.
706
00:36:25.200 --> 00:36:28.100
It is striking that our experience in Chippenham is
707
00:36:28.100 --> 00:36:31.900
 repeated across all the other Villages and towns. The
708
00:36:31.900 --> 00:36:34.300
 response from residents has been fear and
709
00:36:34.300 --> 00:36:37.400
 anxiety at what the scheme will do to the environment
710
00:36:37.400 --> 00:36:38.300
 in which we live.
711
00:36:39.200 --> 00:36:42.100
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And the fear is real because this scheme is not
712
00:36:42.100 --> 00:36:45.700
 just for solar panels, but for large areas of battery storage.
00:36:46.700 --> 00:36:50.000
We have little to no information about these batteries. They're
714
00:36:49.300 --> 00:36:52.300
 safety and Eddie plans to mitigate the risks. They
715
00:36:52.300 --> 00:36:55.400
 pose increasingly frequent stories
716
00:36:55.400 --> 00:36:58.400
 in the Press about battery fires are not providing any
717
00:36:58.400 --> 00:36:58.800
 comfort.
718
00:37:00.300 --> 00:37:03.600
On a personal level. I am dreading this scheme. I
719
00:37:03.600 --> 00:37:06.100
 regularly walk my dogs around the village along the
720
00:37:06.100 --> 00:37:09.400
 Snell World walk parallel to the dolphin gallops and
721
00:37:09.400 --> 00:37:11.800
 on the heath that waterhall and the lime Kilns.
722
00:37:12.500 --> 00:37:15.900
These are popular walking areas known for their attractive rural
723
00:37:15.900 --> 00:37:18.700
 Outlook from the limekilns. Particularly.
724
00:37:18.700 --> 00:37:20.400
The view is spectacular.
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725
00:37:21.500 --> 00:37:24.100
But the view will give way to an array of solar panels
726
00:37:24.100 --> 00:37:25.900
 a substation and batteries.
727
00:37:26.600 --> 00:37:29.100
I speak regularly to other dog walkers with the
728
00:37:29.100 --> 00:37:32.500
 replacement of a lovely landscape by an industrial Outlook.
729
00:37:32.500 --> 00:37:35.200
We lose our fabulous walks and we'll have to travel
730
00:37:35.200 --> 00:37:37.200
 further up the field to replace them.
731
00:37:38.200 --> 00:37:41.100
My children ride their horses on the bridal way at Green
732
00:37:41.100 --> 00:37:44.500
 Lane. This will be surrounded by solar panels and batteries
733
00:37:44.500 --> 00:37:47.400
 and known Hazard for Riders. They will no
734
00:37:47.400 --> 00:37:50.100
 longer be able to access one of the few Bridal paths in
735
00:37:50.100 --> 00:37:51.700
 hacking distance of Chippenham.
736
00:37:53.300 --> 00:37:56.200
I am not alone in being appalled and distressed by
737
00:37:56.200 --> 00:37:59.200
 the scheme the overwhelming distrust for this
738
00:37:59.200 --> 00:38:02.100
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represents the real fears of everybody in our
739
00:38:02.100 --> 00:38:06.400
 communities a string of developments. Not just one in
740
00:38:05.400 --> 00:38:08.900
 circling and strangling our communities with
741
00:38:08.900 --> 00:38:11.600
 absolutely no benefit to any
742
00:38:11.600 --> 00:38:14.600
 members of those communities. So perhaps for
743
00:38:14.600 --> 00:38:17.400
 those who are hoping for a massive payday to
744
00:38:17.400 --> 00:38:18.800
 the detriment of everyone else.
745
00:38:19.700 --> 00:38:20.100
Thank you.
746
00:38:21.300 --> 00:38:21.800
Thank you.
747
00:38:25.400 --> 00:38:29.000
Thank you very much. Miss Petit
748
00:38:28.200 --> 00:38:31.000
 from Fordham Parish Council.
749
00:38:32.900 --> 00:38:35.800
Hi. Yep. Okay, you have 10 minutes
750
00:38:35.800 --> 00:38:37.500
 and please proceed.
751
00:38:38.100 --> 00:38:40.900
I'm Kelly Petit Vice chair Fordham Parish Council
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752
00:38:41.900 --> 00:38:44.300
board and Parish Council are deeply concerned with
753
00:38:44.300 --> 00:38:47.300
 the scheme of this size and the impact that it will have Upon Our
754
00:38:47.300 --> 00:38:50.500
Village. It is expected that up to 3,000 additional
755
00:38:50.500 --> 00:38:53.500
Vehicles many of the hgvs will move
756
00:38:53.500 --> 00:38:56.400
 through our village each day. One of the only routes
757
00:38:56.400 --> 00:38:59.900
 into Islam. One of the main sites is through Fordham. It runs
758
00:38:59.900 --> 00:39:01.300
 directly in front of our Primary School.
759
00:39:02.200 --> 00:39:05.300
As a village we need to be able to ensure that our children have
safe routes
760
00:39:05.300 --> 00:39:05.700
to school.
761
00:39:06.500 --> 00:39:09.200
This road is a guiet B road, but we'll cease
00:39:09.200 --> 00:39:12.300
 to be so with the volume of traffic as a council. We are concerned
with
763
00:39:12.300 --> 00:39:15.300
 the battery storage units at Iceland and Chippenham as a
764
00:39:15.300 --> 00:39:18.300
 community. We are close enough that should the worst happen and
should these
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765
00:39:18.300 --> 00:39:21.600
 batteries Catch Fire? We may be looking at possible evacuations or
766
00:39:21.600 --> 00:39:23.300
 at the very least close window policies.
767
00:39:24.100 \longrightarrow 00:39:27.400
To ask this feels like the right scheme in the wrong place. It is
768
00:39:27.400 --> 00:39:29.000
 too close to too many communities.
769
00:39:29.800 --> 00:39:32.300
Members from our Fordham Cambridge you're walking Group,
770
00:39:32.300 --> 00:39:35.400
 which has over 200 active members including members from
771
00:39:35.400 --> 00:39:38.400
 our neighboring Villages have expressed strong concerns regarding
772
00:39:38.400 --> 00:39:41.500
 the inadequacy of mitigation relating
773
00:39:41.500 --> 00:39:44.500
 to permissive Roots other significant concerns have
774
00:39:44.500 --> 00:39:47.800
 been expressed regarding temporary loss of roots during
construction, fire
775
00:39:47.800 --> 00:39:50.600
 safety Countryside character ecology and
776
00:39:50.600 --> 00:39:53.200
 loss of productive Farmland. Also people are
777
00:39:53.200 --> 00:39:56.500
 feeling threatened with a strongly perceived isolation of Village
communities
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778
00:39:56.500 --> 00:39:59.900
 as a result of the sheer amount of panels and Associated structures
779
00:39:59.900 --> 00:40:01.400
 proposed over such a wide area.
780
00:40:02.200 \longrightarrow 00:40:05.500
It's also fair to say that most members of the group are supporters
781
00:40:05.500 --> 00:40:08.600
 supportive of the principle of carbon reductions through renewable
782
00:40:08.600 --> 00:40:11.500
 energy projects the issues with this application are
783
00:40:11.500 --> 00:40:14.900
 around the how much the what where and together within Community
784
00:40:14.900 --> 00:40:16.700
 impacts and lack of mitigation.
785
00:40:18.200 --> 00:40:21.400
We have spoken at length in meetings and personally as to
786
00:40:21.400 --> 00:40:24.100
 how a scheme of this size and scale will affect us on a more
787
00:40:24.100 --> 00:40:27.300
personal level and the following is a collection of the general
feeling
788
00:40:27.300 --> 00:40:29.200
 of the councilors and parishioners afford them.
789
00:40:30.100 --> 00:40:33.100
Something that strikes us as odd has been continually hearing that
790
00:40:33.100 --> 00:40:36.700
 the area in which we live is not an area of outstanding natural
beauty and
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791
00:40:36.700 --> 00:40:39.200
 therefore as well suited for a site on the scale of this one.
792
00:40:40.200 --> 00:40:41.700
We are the people of the land.
793
00:40:42.500 \longrightarrow 00:40:45.200
We are born of it and we spend our lives working it
794
00:40:45.200 --> 00:40:48.600
 and we do so in the knowledge that one day we return to it. We are
795
00:40:48.600 --> 00:40:52.600
 the generations of farmers and Farm Workers landowners horse
796
00:40:52.600 --> 00:40:55.300
 trainers stable hands flower Growers. This may not
797
00:40:55.300 --> 00:40:58.300
 be an area of nationally recognized outstanding Beauty, but
798
00:40:58.300 --> 00:41:01.000
we know it we know every dip as well.
799
00:41:01.400 --> 00:41:04.700
We know where to pull the horses up where to let them have their
head as
800
00:41:04.700 --> 00:41:07.400
 those that farm the land we know where to look on the horizon for
801
00:41:07.400 --> 00:41:10.600
 rain and the loose soil in the summer for a friend blow. We watch
802
00:41:10.600 --> 00:41:13.100
 as the corn ripples across the fields and we remark how
803
00:41:13.100 --> 00:41:16.300
 it looks like waves. This is our ocean. We know
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804
00:41:16.300 --> 00:41:19.100
better than anyone what the land gives we watch with
805
00:41:19.100 --> 00:41:22.300
 every passing year and we see the damages of climate
00:41:22.300 --> 00:41:25.400
 change. We understand we hold a responsibility
807
00:41:25.400 --> 00:41:28.900
 to those that come after us to preserve this land and perhaps
808
00:41:28.900 --> 00:41:31.100
 fields of solar panels will be the cost that we must
809
00:41:31.100 --> 00:41:34.000
 Bear for the generations that come along after we have gone.
810
00:41:34.900 --> 00:41:37.500
In all of our dealings with Seneca it is becoming more
811
00:41:37.500 --> 00:41:40.300
 and more clear. The green energy is not what they are offering.
812
00:41:40.300 --> 00:41:43.300
 It is more clear that the harm to our area is so
813
00:41:43.300 --> 00:41:44.800
 great and the benefits are so little
814
00:41:45.600 --> 00:41:48.700
They are taking a constant from our lives. This
815
00:41:48.700 --> 00:41:51.700
 land has always been it does not waver. It
816
00:41:51.700 --> 00:41:54.500
 remains steadfast when our grandfathers
817
00:41:54.500 --> 00:41:57.500
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and great-grandfathers lay in the muds of France. It was this land
818
00:41:57.500 --> 00:42:01.000
 and the right Rich remain that they fought for some were
00:42:00.100 --> 00:42:03.200
 lucky enough to return to it continue to work
820
00:42:03.200 --> 00:42:06.500
 it and live out their lives others returned only to lay beneath
821
00:42:06.500 --> 00:42:09.700
 it and many did not return but the land remained the
822
00:42:09.700 --> 00:42:12.400
 same no matter what is happening
823
00:42:12.400 --> 00:42:15.800
around us. This Land is Our constant even as
824
00:42:15.800 --> 00:42:18.500
 recent as 2020 when pandemic forced
825
00:42:18.500 --> 00:42:21.900
us all into Solitude and separation. We found ourselves returning
00:42:21.900 --> 00:42:24.700
 to the land. We walked it. We waved
827
00:42:24.700 --> 00:42:27.400
 each other from afar the old show the young a Pathways
828
00:42:27.400 --> 00:42:30.100
 of their youth and our young we'll pass the knowledge to their own
829
00:42:30.100 --> 00:42:30.500
 children.
830
00:42:31.500 --> 00:42:34.500
Do you know what a crested September morning watching? The
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831
00:42:34.500 --> 00:42:37.200
horses run the gallups feels like the cool air
832
00:42:37.200 --> 00:42:40.500
 the crunch of leaves underfoot the sound of whose pounding
833
00:42:40.500 --> 00:42:43.400
the Earth these places are holy to us because this land
834
00:42:43.400 --> 00:42:44.200
 is our church.
835
00:42:45.200 --> 00:42:48.300
If Sonica is built that will change the land will become
836
00:42:48.300 --> 00:42:51.400
unrecognizable to us with miles of shiny solar cells
837
00:42:51.400 --> 00:42:54.200
 that cut us off from us aroundings. We do not
838
00:42:54.200 --> 00:42:57.500
 own this land. We are only ever custodians for the next generation.
839
00:42:57.500 --> 00:42:59.000
And what will we pass on to them?
840
00:42:59.700 --> 00:43:02.300
This scheme will take away this land the land
841
00:43:02.300 --> 00:43:05.200
 that holds always been which is always supported our communities
842
00:43:05.200 --> 00:43:08.500
 and our way of life and whether or not this scheme is eventually
removed.
843
00:43:08.500 --> 00:43:11.500
The harm will remain is the links between our neighboring
communities
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844
00:43:11.500 --> 00:43:14.400
will have been destroyed and because of this the community
845
00:43:14.400 --> 00:43:17.500
 ties we have with our neighbors will change as
00:43:17.500 --> 00:43:20.400
we become more isolated. This is what we Face
847
00:43:20.400 --> 00:43:23.300
 from scheme which gives so very little and yet harms us
848
00:43:23.300 --> 00:43:26.200
 so very much the trade-off from Seneca is not
849
00:43:26.200 --> 00:43:29.000
worth it to us. We are being forced to give up too much
850
00:43:29.500 --> 00:43:32.700
to lose too much. We are being asked to sacrifice too
851
00:43:32.700 --> 00:43:35.700
 much. We are losing the one thing that no
852
00:43:35.700 --> 00:43:38.300
 matter what life brings is always a constant
00:43:38.300 --> 00:43:38.600
to us.
854
00:43:43.700 --> 00:43:45.600
Okay. Thank you very much, Mrs. Pass it.
855
00:43:46.300 --> 00:43:51.000
Thank you. Next we have from frackenham Parish
856
00:43:50.400 --> 00:43:53.700
 Council is Susan Cornell, I
857
00:43:53.700 --> 00:43:57.500
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858
00:43:56.500 --> 00:43:59.300
 even 44 and you have
00:43:59.300 --> 00:44:00.200
 10 minutes. Thank you.
860
00:44:06.200 --> 00:44:09.800
Good evening. I'm going to
861
00:44:09.800 --> 00:44:12.700
 find it extremely difficult because both
862
00:44:12.700 --> 00:44:15.000
 Fiona and Kelly have more or less
863
00:44:15.100 --> 00:44:16.900
exactly how we feel.
864
00:44:17.700 --> 00:44:19.100
regarding this
865
00:44:21.400 --> 00:44:26.200
they call a farm. We call a monstrosity. I've lived
00:44:25.200 --> 00:44:28.400
 in in Twickenham for the
867
00:44:28.400 --> 00:44:29.500
 past 57 years.
868
00:44:30.900 --> 00:44:32.600
And my husband is one.
869
00:44:33.600 --> 00:44:36.200
Of a family that has been
870
00:44:36.200 --> 00:44:39.300
 in the village for six generations and there
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believe student. Yes. Thank you very much. So don't

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871
00:44:39.300 --> 00:44:40.400
 are an awful lot.
872
00:44:41.100 --> 00:44:43.800
of six generation people in the village
873
00:44:45.100 --> 00:44:48.000
We also have quite a few new people in the village.
874
00:44:49.300 --> 00:44:52.500
They also appreciate that frickenham in
875
00:44:52.500 --> 00:44:56.500
 its own little patch is completely surrounded.
876
00:44:57.300 --> 00:45:00.800
By Farmland, we are quite unique.
877
00:45:00.800 --> 00:45:03.400
 In fact that you can walk out your front
878
00:45:03.400 --> 00:45:03.700
 door.
879
00:45:04.800 --> 00:45:07.300
And you've got a walk. It doesn't matter
880
00:45:07.300 --> 00:45:10.400
where it is. You can walk off the
881
00:45:10.400 --> 00:45:12.100
 road in the parish.
882
00:45:13.500 --> 00:45:17.000
It's going to be absolutely ruined with
883
00:45:16.000 --> 00:45:17.800
 Sonica.
884
00:45:18.600 --> 00:45:21.800
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We are going to be surrounded because they're
885
00:45:21.800 --> 00:45:24.400
 going to build on three sides of us.
00:45:24.900 --> 00:45:26.800
with these solar panels
887
00:45:27.600 --> 00:45:30.300
and we're also designated to have
888
00:45:30.300 --> 00:45:31.600
 back restorage as well.
889
00:45:33.300 --> 00:45:34.600
If we walk down.
890
00:45:36.600 --> 00:45:38.000
Green Lane
891
00:45:38.700 --> 00:45:39.400
You can see.
892
00:45:40.900 --> 00:45:44.900
A variety of wildlife. We have
00:45:44.900 --> 00:45:47.300
 been told by Sonica that Wildlife will come
894
00:45:47.300 --> 00:45:47.400
back.
895
00:45:48.600 --> 00:45:51.200
But I'm surprised if they will the other
896
00:45:51.200 --> 00:45:54.900
week. There was a herd of 13 row deer.
897
00:45:55.800 --> 00:45:56.500
in the field
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898
00:45:57.300 --> 00:45:58.300
and we watched them.
899
00:45:59.100 --> 00:46:04.200
And it was amazing. Can you imagine 13 Rodeo
00:46:03.200 --> 00:46:07.500
 trying to negotiate these solar
901
00:46:06.500 --> 00:46:07.500
 panels?
902
00:46:09.500 --> 00:46:12.500
We've also got wildlife in form of.
903
00:46:14.800 --> 00:46:17.600
everything from dear for
904
00:46:17.600 --> 00:46:19.400
 rabbits
905
00:46:20.200 --> 00:46:23.100
Birds buzzards. We you can see
906
00:46:23.100 --> 00:46:26.400
 practically anything on a walk in from our
907
00:46:26.400 --> 00:46:26.700
 village.
908
00:46:28.300 --> 00:46:30.400
and I'm sorry but
909
00:46:32.700 --> 00:46:36.400
Seneca absolutely going to ruin our way
910
00:46:35.400 --> 00:46:38.300
 of life and that's exactly what
911
00:46:38.300 --> 00:46:39.300
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the others have said.
912
00:46:40.800 --> 00:46:41.300
we have
913
00:46:42.300 --> 00:46:43.700
quite a busy way of life.
914
00:46:44.600 --> 00:46:46.700
We have extremely active.
915
00:46:48.200 --> 00:46:51.400
Village Hall we have things on nearly every
916
00:46:51.400 --> 00:46:55.200
week with people coming from surrounding villages.
917
00:46:56.500 --> 00:46:59.500
This will be impacted by the
918
00:46:59.500 --> 00:47:00.300
 solar panels.
919
00:47:01.500 --> 00:47:01.900
by the
920
00:47:02.800 --> 00:47:05.100
terms of the road that they're going to
921
00:47:05.100 --> 00:47:06.200
 disrupt.
922
00:47:07.100 --> 00:47:10.000
The four years. They said that it would take
923
00:47:10.400 --> 00:47:13.600
 to build this four years of our life will be
924
00:47:13.600 --> 00:47:16.300
 taken away from us apart from the 40 years
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925
00:47:16.300 --> 00:47:18.400
with solar panels.
926
00:47:19.700 --> 00:47:23.000
Our roads, have you have difficulty?
927
00:47:23.700 --> 00:47:25.700
a car passing a lorry
928
00:47:27.700 --> 00:47:30.600
How the hell do they think that they're
929
00:47:30.600 --> 00:47:33.700
 going to bring all their large container lorries
930
00:47:33.700 --> 00:47:36.900
 through a little tiny Lanes without
931
00:47:36.900 --> 00:47:39.600
 damaging any of our structures?
932
00:47:42.500 --> 00:47:46.300
There are quite a few listed buildings and
933
00:47:45.300 --> 00:47:47.600
 listed areas.
934
00:47:48.600 --> 00:47:49.600
in our village
935
00:47:50.500 --> 00:47:52.300
and we are very very concerned.
936
00:47:53.500 --> 00:47:56.900
That they are going to be severely damaged by
937
00:47:56.900 --> 00:47:57.700
 Sonica.
938
00:47:59.100 --> 00:48:01.100
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When we are Seneca.
939
00:48:02.300 --> 00:48:05.300
What they intended to do if they couldn't get
00:48:05.300 --> 00:48:08.400
 the vehicles in the way they wanted.
941
00:48:09.500 --> 00:48:10.600
They said don't worry.
942
00:48:11.700 --> 00:48:14.100
We will put things back as they are.
943
00:48:15.400 --> 00:48:18.500
How can you replace 150 year
944
00:48:18.500 --> 00:48:20.000
 old Flint wall?
945
00:48:21.200 --> 00:48:22.100
As it is today.
946
00:48:23.300 --> 00:48:24.800
It will never be the same again.
947
00:48:25.900 --> 00:48:28.700
And how they think that they can negotiate.
948
00:48:29.900 --> 00:48:32.400
These roads with their equipment.
949
00:48:32.400 --> 00:48:35.100
 I'm sorry, but we just do not know.
950
00:48:36.700 --> 00:48:39.900
We're not against solar panels. We're
951
00:48:39.900 --> 00:48:41.500
 not against any form.
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952
00:48:42.200 --> 00:48:43.100
of energy
953
00:48:44.200 --> 00:48:47.000
But it's far too big.
954
00:48:48.800 --> 00:48:50.100
They call it a farm.
955
00:48:50.800 --> 00:48:53.200
It's far too big for the
956
00:48:53.200 --> 00:48:54.700
 area that it's in.
957
00:48:58.300 --> 00:49:00.800
And I just well.
958
00:49:01.900 --> 00:49:04.800
I just read to think what the Next Generation God
959
00:49:04.800 --> 00:49:05.500
 have to live through.
960
00:49:07.100 --> 00:49:08.800
because where we can enjoy
00:49:10.200 --> 00:49:11.600
walks
962
00:49:13.500 --> 00:49:14.900
horse riding everything
963
00:49:16.200 --> 00:49:19.900
and there will be nothing absolutely nothing for
964
00:49:19.900 --> 00:49:23.000
 40 years other than solar panels and these
965
00:49:22.100 --> 00:49:25.400
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monstrous battery storage is
966
00:49:26.500 --> 00:49:30.000
I'm sorry, but we just can't sit
967
00:49:29.100 --> 00:49:32.400
where it is. It's not
968
00:49:32.400 --> 00:49:32.600
 right.
969
00:49:33.600 --> 00:49:36.400
It's not in the right place, and we're
970
00:49:36.400 --> 00:49:37.900
 not nimbus.
971
00:49:39.500 --> 00:49:39.900
Thank you.
972
00:49:43.600 --> 00:49:44.000
Thank you.
973
00:49:45.500 --> 00:49:50.200
Thank you. Miss. Cornell. Next. We have Daniel kozelko
00:49:49.200 --> 00:49:52.700
who's Council and
975
00:49:52.700 --> 00:49:55.900
 representing say no to Seneca.
976
00:49:56.800 --> 00:50:00.000
Good evening. Again, Mr. Kazalco believing
977
00:49:59.100 --> 00:50:02.800
 sir. You have 10 minutes and your time starts
978
00:50:02.800 --> 00:50:02.800
 now.
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979
00:50:03.800 --> 00:50:06.100
Thank you. So what I'm going to
980
00:50:06.100 --> 00:50:09.200
 speak to is one specific aspect of the scheme,
00:50:09.200 --> 00:50:12.700
which rather brings together a lot of what's already been said
today
982
00:50:12.700 --> 00:50:15.200
 and I suspect we said over the coming days.
983
00:50:16.200 --> 00:50:19.400
As a starting point the position as has been expressed by so
984
00:50:19.400 --> 00:50:22.300
many people here so far as Essence. Yes and not
985
00:50:22.300 --> 00:50:25.500
 in principle against solar schemes. We recognize the policy
986
00:50:25.500 --> 00:50:28.200
 imperatives that the government has put
987
00:50:28.200 --> 00:50:31.200
 in place to encourage schemes obvious nature.
988
00:50:32.100 --> 00:50:35.300
the important point about this scheme is
989
00:50:35.300 --> 00:50:38.600
how it is different to other
990
00:50:38.600 --> 00:50:41.300
 solar schemes and we say is the design
991
00:50:41.300 --> 00:50:44.500
 of this scheme in particular which makes it
992
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00:50:45.300 --> 00:50:49.100
unusual and in planning terms improper
993
00:50:50.400 --> 00:50:53.300
and I'd rather like to pick up a point where we just made about some
you
994
00:50:53.300 --> 00:50:56.600
 know, whether the views being expressed here in nimbyism in my
995
00:50:56.600 --> 00:50:59.700
 submission may not it's about specific design of the scheme.
996
00:51:01.200 --> 00:51:04.300
Now the scheme is designed in essence has a
997
00:51:04.300 --> 00:51:06.200
 number of islands across the landscape.
998
00:51:07.700 --> 00:51:10.900
And we've set out that's snts
999
00:51:10.900 --> 00:51:14.200
 in section two of our Rhythm reps rep 2-240
1000
00:51:13.200 --> 00:51:16.600
 that we regardless
1001
00:51:16.600 --> 00:51:19.600
 as a poor design and that's considering
1002
00:51:19.600 --> 00:51:22.600
 the planning app the policy that would apply.
1003
00:51:22.600 --> 00:51:26.000
 So for example mpps power 126 and
1004
00:51:25.900 --> 00:51:27.700
 mpscm1 section 1.5.
1005
00:51:29.500 --> 00:51:31.900
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In particular this design is not sensitive to place.
1006
00:51:33.700 --> 00:51:37.200
The location and the area which
1007
00:51:36.200 --> 00:51:39.400
 surrounds the proposed scheme is
1008
00:51:39.400 --> 00:51:41.300
 one of enmeshed villages.
1009
00:51:42.400 --> 00:51:45.800
A shop or a pub in one Village is the amenity
1010
00:51:45.800 --> 00:51:47.500
 local to a different village.
1011
00:51:48.400 --> 00:51:51.600
Family relationships cross this landscape from
1012
00:51:51.600 --> 00:51:54.100
 Iceland to freckenham from Fordham to Red Lodge.
1013
00:51:55.600 --> 00:51:58.700
ants parents children live in different
1014
00:51:58.700 --> 00:51:59.500
 locations
1015
00:52:00.900 --> 00:52:03.300
social relationships meet on public rights of
1016
00:52:03.300 --> 00:52:03.500
way
1017
00:52:04.900 --> 00:52:08.000
And so this is an enmeshed landscape.
1018
00:52:07.300 --> 00:52:10.400
The social structure is not only
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1019
00:52:10.400 --> 00:52:13.700
in The Villages which will be harmed and many of
1020
00:52:13.700 --> 00:52:16.400
the people here will Express about harm, but it's also
1021
00:52:16.400 --> 00:52:20.100
the connection between land that will be harmed.
1022
00:52:21.600 --> 00:52:21.900
1023
00:52:23.300 --> 00:52:26.300
it's these islands of this scheme
1024
00:52:26.300 --> 00:52:29.200
across the landscape which we say is a
1025
00:52:29.200 --> 00:52:32.600
particular Niche harm about this scheme in essence. The
1026
00:52:32.600 --> 00:52:34.400
scheme is squeezed between villages.
1027
00:52:35.400 --> 00:52:40.000
In addition because it's split into multiple Parts. It's
circumference
1028
00:52:38.200 --> 00:52:41.700
is much larger than the
1029
00:52:41.700 --> 00:52:44.500
standard PV scheme. You might see if you consider a cake
1030
00:52:44.500 --> 00:52:47.300
if you cut a cake into multiple Parts you have
1031
00:52:47.300 --> 00:52:50.500
more perimeter and that's precisely what
1032
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00:52:50.500 --> 00:52:53.400
we see here. It maximizes the harm that is
1033
00:52:53.400 --> 00:52:56.800
 experienced by local communities by spreading
1034
00:52:56.800 --> 00:52:57.300
 it out.
1035
00:53:00.400 --> 00:53:03.800
In response, this comes up in various places,
1036
00:53:03.800 --> 00:53:06.800
but one such places were responses to the written representations
from
1037
00:53:06.800 --> 00:53:07.400
Seneca.
1038
00:53:08.300 --> 00:53:11.400
They say and produced a paper describing how
1039
00:53:11.400 --> 00:53:14.400
this scheme has been designed in the landscape and there's no
1040
00:53:14.400 --> 00:53:17.600
 doubt looking at that but it has been designed in the landscape.
Although
1041
00:53:17.600 --> 00:53:20.600
we do dispute the choice of land in the
1042
00:53:20.600 --> 00:53:21.200
first place.
1043
00:53:22.600 --> 00:53:25.400
They also say that the approach adopted preserves
1044
00:53:25.400 --> 00:53:29.300
a sense of identity of the landscape in
1045
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00:53:28.300 --> 00:53:31.700
our view that that isn't the
1046
00:53:31.700 --> 00:53:34.600
case and it rather misses the fundamental point that I'm making
1047
00:53:34.600 --> 00:53:37.700
now, which is by designing Miss scheme
1048
00:53:37.700 --> 00:53:40.400
as between settlements you cause a harm
1049
00:53:40.400 --> 00:53:42.900
in itself you cut off communities.
1050
00:53:45.000 --> 00:53:45.400
1051
00:53:46.300 --> 00:53:46.900
harm
1052
00:53:48.400 --> 00:53:51.200
and sorry the harm is by being
1053
00:53:51.200 --> 00:53:52.800
between the communities and
1054
00:53:53.600 --> 00:53:56.500
it is going to change the setting of
1055
00:53:56.500 \longrightarrow 00:53:59.300
The Connections in the communities from one of the rural
1056
00:53:59.300 --> 00:54:02.400
landscape to one of his industrialization metallic glass
1057
00:54:02.400 --> 00:54:05.900
containers matters is a significant harm which is against planning
1058
00:54:05.900 --> 00:54:06.400
policy.
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1059
00:54:07.800 --> 00:54:10.900
And I've said this is a unique scheme
1060
00:54:10.900 --> 00:54:14.000
 at least in the schemes which are coming forwards as enzip's
1061
00:54:13.200 \longrightarrow 00:54:16.700
 currently. It is a unique scheme and
1062
00:54:16.700 --> 00:54:19.200
 I'm not going to take you to our papers. But I draw your
1063
00:54:19.200 --> 00:54:22.700
 attention to figure one on page seven of our written representation
1064
00:54:22.700 --> 00:54:25.200
 and appendix B to our risk
1065
00:54:25.200 --> 00:54:29.600
 and representation, which is an analysis of the existing larger
1066
00:54:28.600 --> 00:54:31.800
than 50 megawatt schemes. The one
1067
00:54:31.800 --> 00:54:34.300
 I'm particularly going to a light on is long field, which is one
which
1068
00:54:34.300 --> 00:54:37.800
 is also going through the Nic process
1069
00:54:37.800 --> 00:54:40.400
 alongside this one or you can take this point from little
1070
00:54:40.400 --> 00:54:41.600
 prayer or
1071
00:54:43.100 --> 00:54:44.100
Cleve Hill
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1072
00:54:45.400 --> 00:54:48.700
the important point about every scheme but this one is that
1073
00:54:48.700 --> 00:54:51.300
he is a unitary scheme the scheme exists as
1074
00:54:51.300 --> 00:54:54.800
one block of PV and Associated development.
1075
00:54:54.800 --> 00:54:57.800
There might be a connection which has
1076
00:54:57.800 --> 00:55:01.100
to be extended at a substation but fundamentally
1077
00:55:00.100 --> 00:55:03.300
the thing but distinguishes this scheme makes
1078
00:55:03.300 --> 00:55:06.200
 it unusual and will make the decision of a sexy of
1079
00:55:06.200 --> 00:55:09.200
State at the end of this a specific and distinct one
1080
00:55:09.200 --> 00:55:12.700
is the fact that every other scheme which is progressing is
1081
00:55:12.700 --> 00:55:15.800
one which in essence is one unitary scheme.
1082
00:55:17.800 --> 00:55:20.400
I draw your attention. There's lots of policy which deals with
1083
00:55:20.400 --> 00:55:24.700
this point npsem1 paragraph 4.2.6 deals
1084
00:55:24.700 --> 00:55:28.000
with this as an example that policy
1085
00:55:27.300 --> 00:55:30.700
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deals with the placement of a
1086
00:55:30.700 --> 00:55:33.300
 scheme and how an accumulation of
1087
00:55:33.300 --> 00:55:35.600
 interrelationship of the effects.
1088
00:55:36.200 --> 00:55:38.700
can lead to harm which
1089
00:55:40.300 --> 00:55:43.400
you might think of essentially the sum is greater than the
individual
1090
00:55:43.400 --> 00:55:46.300
 parts and we say that's precisely What's Happening
1091
00:55:46.300 --> 00:55:49.400
Here by placing it in the way that it has in the
1092
00:55:49.400 --> 00:55:49.900
 landscape.
1093
00:55:50.700 --> 00:55:53.100
You lead to a kind of harm, but you're simply
1094
00:55:53.100 --> 00:55:56.900
not seeing with long field You're simply not seeing with
1095
00:55:56.900 --> 00:55:58.000
 cleave Hill.
1096
00:56:01.300 --> 00:56:01.600
and so
1097
00:56:02.400 --> 00:56:05.900
that's is how we say that you can recommend and
1098
00:56:05.900 --> 00:56:09.500
 should recommend. This scheme is not consented without
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1099
00:56:08.500 --> 00:56:12.300
 disagreeing with General solar
1100
00:56:11.300 --> 00:56:14.800
 policy or renewable policy and indeed
1101
00:56:14.800 \longrightarrow 00:56:17.300
by not a seeding to
1102
00:56:17.300 --> 00:56:18.700
a view that this is nimbyism.
1103
00:56:19.300 --> 00:56:23.100
It's not it's the design of this game specifically which
1104
00:56:22.100 --> 00:56:26.000
makes it a difficult and problematic
1105
00:56:25.500 --> 00:56:27.600
 scheme in this landscape.
1106
00:56:28.800 --> 00:56:31.300
And it is also the case as a result of its design
1107
00:56:31.300 --> 00:56:34.800
 and the landscape that we have. It's very hard to mitigate this
particular form
1108
00:56:34.800 --> 00:56:36.100
 of harm, but I'm describing.
1109
00:56:37.500 --> 00:56:40.600
It is its presence in between locations, which
1110
00:56:40.600 --> 00:56:43.300
 is the harm in itself. It's not a harm
1111
00:56:43.300 --> 00:56:46.200
 simply of looking onto it. It is landscape, which is
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1112
00:56:46.200 --> 00:56:49.100
used you've heard from so many people already and will continue to
1113
00:56:49.100 --> 00:56:52.600
hear how the landscape is used by the community how
1114
00:56:52.600 --> 00:56:56.000
 it links to the community the community and the
1115
00:56:55.500 --> 00:56:58.500
 landscape have essentially a symbiotic
1116
00:56:58.500 --> 00:57:01.200
 relationship which you don't see in the context of
1117
00:57:01.200 --> 00:57:02.900
 other solar Farms.
1118
00:57:04.300 --> 00:57:07.700
This particular harm. I'm describing is hard to mitigate, especially
1119
00:57:07.700 --> 00:57:10.200
 in the Eastern side of
1120
00:57:10.200 --> 00:57:13.500
 the scheme around Islam freckenham and the like because of the
nature
1121
00:57:13.500 --> 00:57:16.600
of landscape itself, which is flat. It's generally
1122
00:57:16.600 --> 00:57:19.200
 open it permits long views.
1123
00:57:20.700 --> 00:57:24.000
Into posing solar panels between these long
1124
00:57:23.600 --> 00:57:26.300
views fundamentally changes the setting
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00:57:26.300 --> 00:57:29.300
 and is a harm which will reduce any enjoyment of the
1126
00:57:29.300 --> 00:57:32.100
 community can take from there.
1127
00:57:33.100 --> 00:57:33.700
setting
1128
00:57:34.900 --> 00:57:37.500
and so I would encourage the examining
1129
00:57:37.500 --> 00:57:40.500
 authority to alight on this point, which is
1130
00:57:40.500 --> 00:57:43.300
with the scheme is spread which separates it from
1131
00:57:43.300 --> 00:57:46.200
 other solar schemes in essence you're being asked
1132
00:57:46.200 --> 00:57:49.200
 at least considering what's currently going through. You'll be
1133
00:57:49.200 --> 00:57:50.900
nice to consensus a unique scheme.
1134
00:57:53.800 --> 00:57:56.200
Also about being split up and this is sort of
1135
00:57:56.200 \longrightarrow 00:58:00.000
as a supplementary final point on this issue. You get
1136
00:57:59.400 --> 00:58:02.400
 combined effect everywhere one
1137
00:58:02.400 --> 00:58:07.000
 example, which you can now see from the combined
1138
00:58:05.200 --> 00:58:08.500
 visuals that sonaka provided
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1139
00:58:08.500 --> 00:58:12.400
 rep 1 dash or one free and rep. 1-2 is
1140
00:58:11.400 --> 00:58:14.600
 some locations can see all the scheme. For
1141
00:58:14.600 \longrightarrow 00:58:17.600
 example, the top of the line Kilns can
1142
00:58:17.600 --> 00:58:19.600
 see both sides of the skin.
1143
00:58:20.200 --> 00:58:24.600
And we say but the blind kills is a particularly sensitive part
1144
00:58:23.600 --> 00:58:26.700
of a Landscapes a particularly sensitive location
1145
00:58:26.700 --> 00:58:30.300
 and a non-designated Heritage asset
1146
00:58:29.300 --> 00:58:32.700
you coming. I am
1147
00:58:32.700 --> 00:58:33.600
 and it also left.
1148
00:58:35.300 --> 00:58:38.100
The points are to be made about the 40 years we submit as well,
1149
00:58:38.100 --> 00:58:41.800
but it's not temporary. It's measured generations. And one
1150
00:58:41.800 --> 00:58:44.700
 thing we would say on temporary harm in any event is sorry
temporary
1151
00:58:44.700 --> 00:58:47.700
 scheme in any event is harm can be permanence even
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1152
00:58:47.700 --> 00:58:49.000
 if the scheme is temporary.
1153
00:58:50.100 --> 00:58:53.300
And if Sonic if Sonic for example disrupts the
1154
00:58:53.300 --> 00:58:56.500
horse racing industry search for it falls from its Premier Place.
1155
00:58:57.500 --> 00:59:00.600
That harm is permanent. It cannot recover to take
1156
00:59:00.600 --> 00:59:03.900
that back. Once it has been knocked from its seat. Similarly
1157
00:59:03.900 --> 00:59:06.300
warms for communities are harmed and the links are
1158
00:59:06.300 --> 00:59:09.500
broken. It is so difficult to rebuild those links and
1159
00:59:09.500 --> 00:59:12.500
 so we would encourage you to think in terms of permanent harm
1160
00:59:12.500 --> 00:59:15.300
 even which we don't accept you think the
1161
00:59:15.300 --> 00:59:16.300
 scheme is a temporary one.
1162
00:59:18.100 --> 00:59:22.400
That's the end of the submissions. I have one quick final point on
ish2
1163
00:59:21.400 --> 00:59:24.100
tomorrow, which is we would
1164
00:59:24.100 --> 00:59:27.300
 simply raise a point for our experts and the experts
1165
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00:59:27.300 --> 00:59:30.700
 of the councils identify. The lion kills the non-designated
Heritage
1166
00:59:30.700 --> 00:59:33.700
 asset. And as a matter of policy, we want
1167
00:59:33.700 --> 00:59:36.400
 to discuss that as part of those hearings, but we can raise that
tomorrow.
1168
00:59:36.400 --> 00:59:39.700
Yes. All right. Well, thank you Mr. Cassell. Thank you. That's
1169
00:59:39.700 --> 00:59:40.000
helpful.
1170
00:59:42.700 --> 00:59:45.900
Next we have Jeanette Malkin friends
1171
00:59:45.900 --> 00:59:47.700
 of Iceland Nature Reserve.
1172
00:59:50.100 --> 00:59:50.700
I'd like to
1173
00:59:51.800 --> 00:59:52.400
am I speaking?
1174
00:59:53.400 --> 00:59:56.400
Yes. Yes. Thank you very much. So I have
1175
00:59:56.400 --> 00:59:59.500
 you down as five minutes. Is that
1176
00:59:59.500 --> 01:00:02.700
 all right, there's plenty. All right, thank you. Please proceed.
1177
01:00:02.700 --> 01:00:05.200
Yes expensive eyes on nature reserves a small group
1178
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01:00:05.200 --> 01:00:08.800
who worked to protect and enhance local areas of Natural
1179
01:00:08.800 --> 01:00:11.500
 History interests. We're deeply concerned about
1180
01:00:11.500 --> 01:00:15.100
 the vast area of land which will be affected by these cynicals
1181
01:00:14.100 --> 01:00:17.500
 and the consequent environmental impact and
1182
01:00:17.500 --> 01:00:18.100
disturbance.
1183
01:00:18.700 --> 01:00:21.000
To the which diversity of wildlife we have.
1184
01:00:21.900 --> 01:00:24.400
These issues have been fully detailed in written submissions
1185
01:00:24.400 --> 01:00:27.400
 inspectorate and indeed many people have spoken of them already
this
1186
01:00:27.400 --> 01:00:27.500
 evening.
1187
01:00:28.500 --> 01:00:31.500
In Iceland we have the Seneca East development virtually on
1188
01:00:31.500 --> 01:00:34.000
 our doorsteps just a few hundred meters from Village Homes.
1189
01:00:35.600 --> 01:00:38.600
Acres of Two and a Half meter high panels would
1190
01:00:38.600 --> 01:00:41.600
 cover. What is it present agricultural land under cultivation?
1191
01:00:42.500 --> 01:00:45.500
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The areas fairly flat and as I walk along sheltered explode
1192
01:00:45.500 --> 01:00:48.400
 with my dog, I'm in a pleasant peaceful raw setting
01:00:48.400 --> 01:00:51.300
with extensive views across open Countryside in the
1194
01:00:51.300 --> 01:00:54.200
 summer. They're often Skylark, seeing about the feels
1195
01:00:54.200 --> 01:00:57.300
 and may see little dumpy corn plantings on the
1196
01:00:57.300 --> 01:00:58.600
 edge of the arable cross.
1197
01:00:59.200 --> 01:01:02.800
From sheldicks Road. I've heard Stone curly
1198
01:01:02.800 --> 01:01:03.900
who's calling in the distance.
1199
01:01:05.300 --> 01:01:08.600
These are Gorky odd looking birds. They're extremely rare and
1200
01:01:08.600 --> 01:01:11.100
 on the analyst being vulnerable in need of protection.
1201
01:01:11.100 --> 01:01:14.600
 There are some of visitors and return from southern Spain or
1202
01:01:14.600 --> 01:01:16.200
North Africa and spring to breed here.
1203
01:01:16.800 --> 01:01:19.300
Who's going to tell us don't curl you as it returns
1204
01:01:19.300 --> 01:01:22.000
 that it's usual. Nesting site. There's no covered with
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1205
01:01:22.600 --> 01:01:25.200
 solar panels. However in mitigation a piece
1206
01:01:25.200 --> 01:01:26.600
 of land has been allocated for it.
1207
01:01:27.200 --> 01:01:30.800
There's a path and a few rows in the nearby vicinity and
1208
01:01:30.800 --> 01:01:33.100
 there'll be some noise and disturbance, but we hope
1209
01:01:33.100 --> 01:01:34.100
 it will be satisfactory.
1210
01:01:34.900 --> 01:01:37.400
Seriously, we are rightly concerned about our Wildlife
1211
01:01:37.400 --> 01:01:40.400
 but we human beings are an integral part of nature. The
1212
01:01:40.400 --> 01:01:43.100
 issue of barely discussed is the effect the solar farm
1213
01:01:43.100 --> 01:01:43.600
will have on people.
1214
01:01:44.500 --> 01:01:47.100
As we walk along the roads and the river
1215
01:01:47.100 --> 01:01:50.300
 footpaths and drives nearby villages to visit friends
1216
01:01:50.300 --> 01:01:54.400
 the visual and impact will be enormous. Someone described
1217
01:01:53.400 --> 01:01:56.000
 it as like being imprisoned in
1218
01:01:56.800 --> 01:01:57.500
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industrial landscape.
1219
01:01:58.100 --> 01:02:01.500
It's a form of desertification, but real
1220
01:02:01.500 --> 01:02:02.700
 deserts have a natural beauty.
1221
01:02:03.500 --> 01:02:06.300
Tree planting and screening will have little effect for
1222
01:02:06.300 --> 01:02:06.600
 many years.
1223
01:02:07.800 --> 01:02:09.400
There's an acknowledged that we need.
1224
01:02:10.300 --> 01:02:13.800
We humans need access to Countryside Open Spaces
1225
01:02:13.800 --> 01:02:16.500
 nature Birdsong, etc. For our
1226
01:02:16.500 --> 01:02:19.500
well-being and mental health the continual noise
1227
01:02:19.500 --> 01:02:22.700
 and Bleak landscape could result in feelings of fatigue and
1228
01:02:22.700 --> 01:02:23.000
 depression.
1229
01:02:24.100 --> 01:02:27.100
We need green energy but the sighting this solar farm
1230
01:02:27.100 --> 01:02:30.400
 seriously affects five local integrated Villages and
1231
01:02:30.400 --> 01:02:32.400
 at least six or seven thousand inhabitants.
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1232
01:02:33.300 --> 01:02:34.500
We feel it's in the wrong place.
1233
01:02:35.800 --> 01:02:38.500
Thank you very much talking.
1234
01:02:39.900 --> 01:02:42.700
Okay, Christopher corbyn is
1235
01:02:42.700 --> 01:02:45.400
 I don't think Christopher Corbin's with
1236
01:02:45.400 --> 01:02:47.000
us this evening are.
1237
01:02:47.900 --> 01:02:50.300
So then I think next we have.
1238
01:02:51.300 --> 01:02:55.400
Alan Richardson who's represented by Barbara Richardson
1239
01:02:54.400 --> 01:02:57.200
 thinkers is
1240
01:02:57.200 --> 01:03:00.800
 yes, and you're here. Yes. Thank you very much. I
1241
01:03:00.800 --> 01:03:03.600
 think it's working. Yes. Okay. Thank
1242
01:03:03.600 --> 01:03:06.700
 you very much. You have five minutes. So I'm Dr. Barbara
1243
01:03:06.700 --> 01:03:09.700
 Richardson speaking on behalf of my husband Allen Richardson.
1244
01:03:09.700 --> 01:03:11.400
We're residents of Fordham.
1245
01:03:12.600 --> 01:03:16.200
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A major issue for this project is funding Sonic are
1246
01:03:15.200 --> 01:03:18.300
 inadequely financed and had
1247
01:03:18.300 --> 01:03:22.100
 no track record in projects such as this their
1248
01:03:21.100 --> 01:03:24.600
 latest filed Accounts at companies house
1249
01:03:24.600 --> 01:03:27.500
 Show net liabilities. That is a
1250
01:03:27.500 --> 01:03:33.100
 deficit of 423,669 pounds.
1251
01:03:33.800 --> 01:03:37.000
The ultimate controlling company is Salah
1252
01:03:36.400 --> 01:03:40.000
 Holdings, which is a Spanish company the
1253
01:03:39.700 --> 01:03:42.400
 applicant Sonica in their submission
01:03:42.400 --> 01:03:45.400
 is using the accounts of Solaire Holdings
1255
01:03:45.400 --> 01:03:49.600
to assert. They have a financial substance sufficient
1256
01:03:48.600 --> 01:03:51.600
 to be considered to execute this
1257
01:03:51.600 --> 01:03:54.300
 600 million pound project.
1258
01:03:55.600 --> 01:03:58.600
The normal firewalls between companies and
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1259
01:03:58.600 --> 01:04:01.300
their subteries mean that the secretary
1260
01:04:01.300 --> 01:04:05.100
of state would have no call on the asset of Salah Holdings
1261
01:04:04.100 --> 01:04:07.200
in the event of Sunny because
1262
01:04:07.200 --> 01:04:11.100
default on the project hence the proposal amounts
1263
01:04:10.100 --> 01:04:13.800
to the fact that Sunny could
1264
01:04:13.800 --> 01:04:17.500
earn any profits from the project but should
1265
01:04:16.500 --> 01:04:19.500
the project go drastically wrong.
1266
01:04:19.500 --> 01:04:22.100
The secretary of state would have to meet the
1267
01:04:22.100 --> 01:04:25.600
losses and/or cost of restoring the land to
1268
01:04:25.600 --> 01:04:28.100
its pre-project condition.
1269
01:04:29.100 --> 01:04:33.400
In the second place Sonica characterizes itself
1270
01:04:32.400 --> 01:04:36.100
is a joint venture between tribus and
1271
01:04:35.100 --> 01:04:38.100
PS Renewables as you
1272
01:04:38.100 --> 01:04:41.600
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can see on their website. This gives a further layer
1273
01:04:41.600 --> 01:04:44.500
 of firewalls between the Secretary of State and
1274
01:04:44.500 --> 01:04:45.600
Slayer Holdings.
1275
01:04:46.400 --> 01:04:49.600
Tribus like Sonica is a
1276
01:04:49.600 --> 01:04:52.900
 company with negatory assets and PS
1277
01:04:52.900 --> 01:04:55.400
 Renewables, which is the trading name of
1278
01:04:55.400 --> 01:04:58.700
 padira's Soleil limited has total
1279
01:04:58.700 --> 01:05:01.400
 shareholdings funders funds of
1280
01:05:01.400 --> 01:05:04.600
 1.783 million pounds as
01:05:04.600 --> 01:05:07.600
 you can see on the public website of coventies house.
1282
01:05:08.700 --> 01:05:12.100
PS Renewables lists around 15 UK
1283
01:05:11.100 --> 01:05:14.500
 solar projects on its website,
1284
01:05:14.500 --> 01:05:17.800
but the largest is only five
1285
01:05:17.800 --> 01:05:21.000
 megawatts with totally installed capacity
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1286
01:05:20.700 --> 01:05:23.800
of 250 megawatts
1287
01:05:23.800 --> 01:05:26.700
and none mentioned a battery
1288
01:05:26.700 --> 01:05:29.400
energy storage system of best.
1289
01:05:30.500 --> 01:05:33.700
If pajero's Solaire Holdings wish to
1290
01:05:33.700 --> 01:05:36.600
put its own assets on the line behind this project.
1291
01:05:36.600 --> 01:05:39.200
It could actually be applying for
1292
01:05:39.200 --> 01:05:43.000
this development consent order itself, but
1293
01:05:42.100 --> 01:05:45.200
it appears that it does not wish to put
1294
01:05:45.200 --> 01:05:47.300
the assets behind this project.
1295
01:05:49.600 --> 01:05:52.300
In the fourth place, the applicant says the
1296
01:05:52.300 --> 01:05:56.200
project will be funded by third party investors if
1297
01:05:55.200 --> 01:05:58.400
it were approved, but they would
1298
01:05:58.400 --> 01:06:01.300
have normal commercial firewalls between their
1299
01:06:01.300 --> 01:06:04.900
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own assets and failure of the project which
1300
01:06:04.900 --> 01:06:07.400
 therefore doesn't change the risk to
01:06:07.400 --> 01:06:10.300
 the Secretary of State or the exposure of
1302
01:06:10.300 --> 01:06:13.400
 our the taxpayers to the risk.
1303
01:06:14.400 --> 01:06:17.600
Their short The Authority should not approve this project.
1304
01:06:17.600 --> 01:06:20.500
 Seneca has no track record
1305
01:06:20.500 --> 01:06:24.000
 in any solar projects and very importantly
1306
01:06:23.800 --> 01:06:27.400
 neither. They nor PS Renewables
1307
01:06:26.400 --> 01:06:29.500
have any track record in
1308
01:06:29.500 --> 01:06:32.100
 battery energy storage systems.
1309
01:06:32.700 --> 01:06:35.300
Rather than prudently learning by doing
1310
01:06:35.300 --> 01:06:36.300
 a small project.
1311
01:06:37.300 --> 01:06:40.700
They're proposing a hugely risky project, which they're
1312
01:06:40.700 --> 01:06:42.500
 not financed to undertake.
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1313
01:06:43.600 --> 01:06:46.900
If the authority should wish to nonetheless approve
1314
01:06:46.900 --> 01:06:49.400
a dco they should insist on
1315
01:06:49.400 --> 01:06:52.700
two things one that there's a definite
1316
01:06:52.700 --> 01:06:55.600
outcome such as 500 megawatts
1317
01:06:55.600 --> 01:06:58.700
generation and a 2.4 gigawatt
1318
01:06:58.700 --> 01:07:00.000
our storage.
1319
01:07:01.100 --> 01:07:04.300
sonicas should not be given an exit whereby they
1320
01:07:04.300 --> 01:07:07.700
can put only 50 megawatts of generation and
1321
01:07:07.700 --> 01:07:11.100
storage on 2,500 Acres
1322
01:07:10.100 --> 01:07:13.200
that is 10 times the
1323
01:07:13.200 --> 01:07:16.300
area of 15 megawatt system would need
1324
01:07:17.100 --> 01:07:20.600
if sundica only willing to commit to the lower 50
1325
01:07:20.600 --> 01:07:23.100
megawatt generation, then they should not
1326
01:07:23.100 --> 01:07:26.300
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be allowed to compulsory purchase so much land.
1327
01:07:27.400 --> 01:07:30.400
Seneca should have to deposit a bond the
01:07:30.400 --> 01:07:34.500
 outset equivalent to the cost of the project 600
1329
01:07:33.500 --> 01:07:36.500
 million pounds which could reduce
1330
01:07:36.500 --> 01:07:38.400
 the cost of
1331
01:07:39.300 --> 01:07:42.500
Restoring the land to its pre-project use
1332
01:07:42.500 --> 01:07:45.500
 at the end of the construction phase. Thank you.
1333
01:07:45.500 --> 01:07:46.800
Thank you very much.
1334
01:07:48.400 --> 01:07:49.600
Okay. Thank you everyone.
1335
01:07:51.700 --> 01:07:55.100
Next we have thank you. Next we
1336
01:07:54.100 --> 01:07:59.100
have Linda Homan. Yes. Thank
1337
01:07:58.100 --> 01:08:00.700
 you very much. You have five minutes.
1338
01:08:02.100 --> 01:08:05.200
Can you hear me? Yes, I can hear you. Well, okay. Thank you
1339
01:08:05.200 --> 01:08:08.600
 and dear folks. I'm speaking to data represent
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1340
01:08:08.600 --> 01:08:11.900
the unheard and the unwell, I have friends in
1341
01:08:11.900 --> 01:08:14.500
 many of the villages impacted by this scheme,
1342
01:08:14.500 --> 01:08:17.300
but I'm not an Envy. I don't live
1343
01:08:17.300 --> 01:08:20.900
 in that area. I do however travel through
1344
01:08:20.900 --> 01:08:23.200
 it regulate to take my grandchildren to
1345
01:08:23.200 --> 01:08:26.900
 school passing through Chippenham and Wellington
1346
01:08:26.900 --> 01:08:28.200
to get to Milton Hall.
1347
01:08:29.100 --> 01:08:32.500
And I wanted to talk today about the
1348
01:08:32.500 --> 01:08:35.000
 serious issue of Mental Health.
1349
01:08:36.500 --> 01:08:39.400
One in six people report experiencing a
1350
01:08:39.400 --> 01:08:42.300
 common mental health problems statistics show on one
1351
01:08:42.300 --> 01:08:45.000
 in four people experience a more serious mental health
1352
01:08:45.400 --> 01:08:48.300
 problem mental ill health costs employers
1353
01:08:48.300 --> 01:08:52.000
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1354
01:08:51.000 --> 01:08:52.200
year.
1355
01:08:53.500 --> 01:08:58.000
I many of a few of my relatives and
1356
01:08:57.400 --> 01:09:01.000
 a few of my friends who live in these Villages already
1357
01:09:00.700 --> 01:09:04.000
 suffer from mental health problems, and
1358
01:09:03.300 --> 01:09:07.100
they are very anxious about
1359
01:09:06.100 --> 01:09:09.200
what this scheme entails and
1360
01:09:09.200 --> 01:09:12.600
 its impacting on their mental health already. Now, if
1361
01:09:12.600 --> 01:09:15.100
we take a conservative estimate of
1362
01:09:15.100 --> 01:09:18.700
 40 of 40,000 people
1363
01:09:18.700 --> 01:09:22.300
 on the parish registers of these eight
1364
01:09:21.300 --> 01:09:25.200
to nine Villages that are impacted and
1365
01:09:24.200 --> 01:09:28.600
using that 6% statistic for
1366
01:09:28.600 --> 01:09:31.300
 the common mental health problem. That means
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approximately 56 billion every

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1367
01:09:31.300 --> 01:09:35.200
that they're already about 666 people who
1368
01:09:34.200 --> 01:09:36.100
 are vulnerable.
1369
01:09:37.600 --> 01:09:40.700
And have vulnerable mental health let alone
1370
01:09:40.700 --> 01:09:44.300
how this scheme may impact upon other
1371
01:09:43.300 --> 01:09:45.500
 people's Mental Health.
1372
01:09:46.300 --> 01:09:49.200
And that figure would increase when people like
1373
01:09:49.200 --> 01:09:52.800
 myself who travel through and around these really pretty
1374
01:09:52.800 --> 01:09:55.400
Villages have to
1375
01:09:55.400 --> 01:09:57.000
 encounter this game.
1376
01:09:57.500 --> 01:10:00.500
And the sunnica scheme
1377
01:10:00.500 --> 01:10:03.500
 as I said is already having a heavy toll on
1378
01:10:03.500 --> 01:10:06.700
my friends my family and myself
1379
01:10:06.700 --> 01:10:09.700
 and yes, there is a thing called Eco anxiety.
1380
01:10:09.700 --> 01:10:12.900
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The term was coined in 2017 by
1381
01:10:12.900 --> 01:10:15.200
 the American Psychological society and it's
1382
01:10:15.200 --> 01:10:18.300
 the impact of mental health of
1383
01:10:18.300 --> 01:10:21.300
 the concern for the deterioration of the environment.
1384
01:10:22.200 --> 01:10:25.800
However, although anxiety about climate climate
1385
01:10:25.800 --> 01:10:26.800
 change is really enough.
1386
01:10:27.500 --> 01:10:31.800
I'd like the the panel
1387
01:10:30.800 --> 01:10:33.700
 to consider the impact of
1388
01:10:33.700 --> 01:10:37.200
 that burgeoning mental health problem when
1389
01:10:36.200 --> 01:10:39.800
 people see these Villages
1390
01:10:39.800 --> 01:10:42.800
 that are destroyed destroying the
1391
01:10:42.800 --> 01:10:46.300
 natural habitat the observable Countryside
1392
01:10:45.300 --> 01:10:48.700
 and my family
1393
01:10:48.700 --> 01:10:51.300
 directly report to me of their fears of
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1394
01:10:51.300 --> 01:10:54.500
 not being able to see these Open Fields and the
1395
01:10:54.500 --> 01:10:59.100
 farming that's been part of their life for decades. There
01:10:57.100 --> 01:11:00.800
 are fears of the unknown. So
1397
01:11:00.800 --> 01:11:03.900
 about how much of that landscape will
1398
01:11:03.900 --> 01:11:06.900
be affected because although there are these maps
1399
01:11:06.900 --> 01:11:08.800
 that are put on the websites.
1400
01:11:09.600 --> 01:11:12.600
People just are not really aware of how much
1401
01:11:12.600 --> 01:11:15.300
 of the landscape will be an impacted and
1402
01:11:15.300 --> 01:11:18.300
 I felt that the you know, the cake the
1403
01:11:18.300 --> 01:11:21.600
 slices of cake bit Yeah, if it was one whole
1404
01:11:21.600 --> 01:11:24.300
 chunk maybe but it literally in cases these
1405
01:11:24.300 --> 01:11:27.200
Villages there is there are fears
1406
01:11:27.200 --> 01:11:30.800
 and worries about the congestion is on the roads while
1407
01:11:30.800 --> 01:11:33.800
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this thing is being built and there
1408
01:11:33.800 --> 01:11:36.300
are also very real concerns as we've heard
1409
01:11:36.300 --> 01:11:40.200
about the battery storage. We have many
1410
01:11:39.200 --> 01:11:43.700
of my family and related
1411
01:11:42.700 --> 01:11:45.200
to the families that have in
1412
01:11:45.200 --> 01:11:48.800
these Villages that live in Liverpool and my son and his
1413
01:11:48.800 --> 01:11:51.300
two children and wife live less than two
1414
01:11:51.300 --> 01:11:54.300
miles from the serious explosion and
1415
01:11:54.300 --> 01:11:58.100
Battery fire that took place in September 2020.
1416
01:11:59.300 --> 01:12:02.200
It took but it took
1417
01:12:02.200 --> 01:12:05.400
15 plus hours for the
1418
01:12:05.400 --> 01:12:08.300
fire engines to put that fire out to
1419
01:12:08.300 --> 01:12:11.200
cool it down enough to be safe. All of
1420
01:12:11.200 --> 01:12:14.800
the while there was toxic smoke burgeoning into
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1421
01:12:14.800 --> 01:12:17.700
 the air and a shot window policy around.
1422
01:12:17.700 --> 01:12:20.300
In fact two miles away. They
1423
01:12:20.300 --> 01:12:23.600
weren't even notified. That is something we're
1424
01:12:23.600 --> 01:12:26.300
taking up with ostead. And for those
1425
01:12:26.300 --> 01:12:30.100
 15 hours that this water was pouring over that one
1426
01:12:29.100 --> 01:12:32.700
 single little battery plant.
1427
01:12:32.700 --> 01:12:35.300
There were three there. Thankfully the other two didn't
1428
01:12:35.300 --> 01:12:39.200
 catch fire there was toxic water draining in
1429
01:12:38.200 --> 01:12:42.100
to the water system. So these
1430
01:12:41.100 --> 01:12:44.200
are the things that really need to be
1431
01:12:44.200 --> 01:12:48.600
 considered. It's it's real. It happened that
1432
01:12:47.600 --> 01:12:50.300
we went and visited the Twisted Metal
1433
01:12:50.300 --> 01:12:53.400
on the site. So really what
1434
01:12:53.400 --> 01:12:56.200
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I'd say is what you need to consider is
1435
01:12:56.200 --> 01:12:57.900
 this is a social experiment.
01:12:58.700 --> 01:13:01.900
And these eight to nine communities are
1437
01:13:01.900 --> 01:13:04.500
 being experimented upon this isn't
1438
01:13:04.500 --> 01:13:07.100
 just a solar farm that you might put in the middle of
1439
01:13:07.100 --> 01:13:10.400
 the fence somewhere. This is very real and will
1440
01:13:10.400 --> 01:13:13.500
 impact on all of the people that live within these areas
1441
01:13:13.500 --> 01:13:17.200
 and the fact that I just you know, Beggars belief
1442
01:13:16.200 --> 01:13:19.800
that somebody could suggest all
1443
01:13:19.800 --> 01:13:22.300
 of this very large battery storage when it
1444
01:13:22.300 --> 01:13:25.100
 is still so untested or stead and not
1445
01:13:25.100 --> 01:13:29.100
 replacing that battery site. I don't know why but they
1446
01:13:28.100 --> 01:13:31.300
 it's clearly consider that it isn't
1447
01:13:31.300 --> 01:13:34.600
 viable. So how can we take that technology and
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1448
01:13:34.600 --> 01:13:37.600
 roll it out as a social experiment on so
1449
01:13:37.600 --> 01:13:40.200
many people? Okay. Thank you. Thank you
01:13:40.200 --> 01:13:40.300
very much.
1451
01:13:44.300 --> 01:13:45.300
Chris Tomlin
1452
01:13:47.500 --> 01:13:51.000
appreciate what you say is is of great
1453
01:13:50.300 --> 01:13:53.300
 concern to you. I would
1454
01:13:53.300 --> 01:13:57.200
 just repeat what I said earlier about if
1455
01:13:56.200 --> 01:13:59.700
you there is a facility
1456
01:13:59.700 --> 01:14:03.000
 to make post hearing submissions and if
1457
01:14:02.100 --> 01:14:07.000
you wish to go into more detail
1458
01:14:06.200 --> 01:14:09.100
 you you're welcome
1459
01:14:09.100 --> 01:14:12.500
to do. So, if you if you
1460
01:14:12.500 --> 01:14:15.600
would like to do so in a way in which we can redact any
1461
01:14:15.600 --> 01:14:18.800
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personal information, but I'll leave
1462
01:14:18.800 --> 01:14:22.200
 that up to you. Thank you very much now and
01:14:21.200 --> 01:14:24.100
 I think I may have missed the fact
1464
01:14:24.100 --> 01:14:27.400
 that Christopher Corbin was with us.
1465
01:14:28.200 --> 01:14:30.000
At least that's my latest information.
1466
01:14:31.400 --> 01:14:34.800
Is he online is in
1467
01:14:34.800 --> 01:14:35.100
 the room?
1468
01:14:36.200 --> 01:14:37.200
Mr. Corbin
1469
01:14:40.300 --> 01:14:41.500
Christopher corbyn
1470
01:14:42.200 --> 01:14:42.800
Oh hello.
1471
01:14:47.100 --> 01:14:50.000
sorry, I'm just it's a little bit too far
1472
01:14:50.300 --> 01:14:51.200
 away that and
1473
01:14:54.900 --> 01:14:57.300
Oh, I see right. Well, okay so you
1474
01:14:57.300 --> 01:15:00.600
 don't wish to speak this evening? Okay. All right. Sorry to
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1475
01:15:00.600 --> 01:15:02.100
trouble and thanks very much for letting me know.
1476
01:15:03.300 --> 01:15:06.400
So we'll move on then and the next personal list
1477
01:15:06.400 --> 01:15:10.800
 is some Lee MacLeod, Yes,
1478
01:15:09.800 --> 01:15:12.200
Thank you
1479
01:15:12.200 --> 01:15:16.200
very much. So you have five minutes starting
1480
01:15:15.200 --> 01:15:18.400
 from now. Can you hear me? Yes, I can
1481
01:15:18.400 --> 01:15:19.000
hear you. Thank you.
1482
01:15:19.500 --> 01:15:23.000
So we moved from London great shelford on
1483
01:15:22.100 --> 01:15:26.000
 the outskirts of Cambridge. And then in 2004.
1484
01:15:25.200 --> 01:15:28.700
We took the decision to move to a rural area.
1485
01:15:28.700 --> 01:15:31.200
We moved away from the
1486
01:15:31.200 --> 01:15:34.500
 industrialization in London, because that was
1487
01:15:34.500 --> 01:15:37.500
 suitable for us. We chose a rural area and now
1488
01:15:37.500 --> 01:15:40.300
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we're looks like we're being forced to live in if this
1489
01:15:40.300 --> 01:15:43.100
 goes ahead and industrialized area in the
01:15:43.100 --> 01:15:47.700
 middle of the countryside Which is far worse. This will
1491
01:15:47.700 --> 01:15:50.900
 destroy the family life that we have built up here and we
1492
01:15:50.900 --> 01:15:53.500
will have to move away if this scheme is allowed
1493
01:15:53.500 --> 01:15:54.100
 to proceed.
1494
01:15:55.100 --> 01:15:58.400
Like the lime Kilns and public rights of way local to
1495
01:15:58.400 --> 01:16:01.200
 me and I'm concerned that the construction period will cause
1496
01:16:01.200 --> 01:16:03.100
 irreversible damage to the lungs.
01:16:03.800 --> 01:16:06.200
We take full advantage of the countryside in the
1498
01:16:06.200 --> 01:16:09.400
 nature reserves to walk our dogs take our grandsons out.
1499
01:16:09.400 --> 01:16:12.500
 And on Rider. We ride our bikes through the different villages.
1500
01:16:12.500 --> 01:16:15.400
We commute almost on a daily basis to Red
1501
01:16:15.400 --> 01:16:18.500
 Lodge where my elderly mother lives and we love the variety
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1502
01:16:18.500 --> 01:16:22.000
 of the countryside and the range of the agriculture that we see we
1503
01:16:21.300 --> 01:16:24.500
 take different routes depending on the time of year. For
1504
01:16:24.500 --> 01:16:27.400
 instance at one time of year. We love seeing the carat pass
1505
01:16:27.400 --> 01:16:31.000
 that is put down for the cattle between chip and Red Lodge. We love
1506
01:16:30.100 --> 01:16:33.200
 to see the piglets if we go through our worlington.
1507
01:16:34.600 --> 01:16:37.600
The boys love to guess the varieties are
1508
01:16:37.600 --> 01:16:40.300
 being grown in the fields at different times of year and they
1509
01:16:40.300 --> 01:16:41.600
 love to watch the tractors.
1510
01:16:42.300 --> 01:16:45.400
When we drive out of the village towards Chippenham via Station
Road,
1511
01:16:45.400 --> 01:16:47.200
which is the b1104.
1512
01:16:47.800 --> 01:16:50.200
We never Tire of watching the birds of prey hunting
1513
01:16:50.200 --> 01:16:53.900
 in the fields catching pigeons mid-air as it's
1514
01:16:53.900 --> 01:16:56.800
 been already said dear often run across the roads that
1515
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01:16:56.800 --> 01:16:59.400
 run between the different Villages there. So we take care
1516
01:16:59.400 --> 01:17:02.400
when we're going down there. We're in quite a raised area where
1517
01:17:02.400 --> 01:17:06.900
we are the drive out by the back road it Twilight
1518
01:17:05.900 --> 01:17:08.300
you often get a barn owl
1519
01:17:08.300 --> 01:17:11.500
that will fly alongside the car. They use the headlights in
1520
01:17:11.500 --> 01:17:14.200
 the vibration to bring out their prey. These are
1521
01:17:14.200 --> 01:17:17.700
 all things that are going to be lost if you put these things in in
1522
01:17:17.700 --> 01:17:18.300
 our fields,
1523
01:17:19.200 --> 01:17:22.400
I'm also self-employed as a teacher. I'm an animal
1524
01:17:22.400 --> 01:17:25.800
 assisted teacher and I work with my dogs for
1525
01:17:25.800 \longrightarrow 01:17:26.900
 Cambridgeshire County Council.
1526
01:17:27.500 --> 01:17:30.600
As an alternative provision and I work with local schools
1527
01:17:30.600 --> 01:17:34.200
to enable students who have mental health issues and
1528
01:17:33.200 --> 01:17:36.400
 autism back into school.
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1529
01:17:36.400 --> 01:17:40.200
This involves taking them out for walks locally. Some
1530
01:17:39.200 --> 01:17:42.400
won't even get into a car and have not left their
1531
01:17:42.400 \longrightarrow 01:17:45.300
homes for 18 months or so. So I realize
1532
01:17:45.300 --> 01:17:48.600
heavily on the public rights of way the nature reserves that allow
1533
01:17:48.600 --> 01:17:51.300
dogs to help these students gain the confidence to leave
1534
01:17:51.300 --> 01:17:55.000
the house and begin to re-engage with nature being out
1535
01:17:54.400 --> 01:17:57.100
 in the countryside is very beneficial to
1536
01:17:57.100 --> 01:18:00.300
them and this will no longer be the case. If the scheme goes
1537
01:18:00.300 --> 01:18:02.900
ahead it will put me out of business, basically.
1538
01:18:04.200 --> 01:18:07.800
I would be trying to get them to walk among solar panels which will
1539
01:18:07.800 --> 01:18:11.000
be detrimental to their mental health and well-being and
1540
01:18:10.400 --> 01:18:13.800
also many of them would refuse to do it. I
1541
01:18:13.800 --> 01:18:16.300
took one student recently to secure dog
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01:18:16.300 --> 01:18:19.600
walking field near worlington and Red Lodge which runs
1543
01:18:19.600 --> 01:18:21.200
 alongside a solar farm.
1544
01:18:21.700 --> 01:18:24.400
The student I had with me refused to step into
1545
01:18:24.400 --> 01:18:27.500
 the field when he saw the panels and claimed that I had lied
1546
01:18:27.500 --> 01:18:29.000
to him about a walk in the countryside.
1547
01:18:29.800 --> 01:18:32.900
These students need to fill the connection to the countryside
1548
01:18:32.900 --> 01:18:35.900
when we're out walking along the public rights
01:18:35.900 --> 01:18:38.500
 of way. We regularly meet people who stop and
1550
01:18:38.500 --> 01:18:41.600
talk to us about the dogs the children don't normally
1551
01:18:41.600 --> 01:18:44.100
 engage with people. But because the dogs are there they
1552
01:18:44.100 --> 01:18:44.900
will talk to them.
1553
01:18:45.600 --> 01:18:48.600
And it helps them with their mental health. They they
1554
01:18:48.600 --> 01:18:49.900
 start to reengage.
1555
01:18:51.600 --> 01:18:54.700
I'm worried that the public rights of way will become deserted
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1556
01:18:54.700 --> 01:18:57.200
 and this is vital in restoring mental health
1557
01:18:57.200 --> 01:19:00.200
 not only to the students but also those of us who live
1558
01:19:00.200 \longrightarrow 01:19:03.700
 in that area it would be lost and it will reduce the effectiveness
1559
01:19:03.700 --> 01:19:06.300
 of the therapy that people are undergoing. Thank you.
1560
01:19:06.300 --> 01:19:10.000
We're not talking about a temporary change to the country and just
1561
01:19:09.400 --> 01:19:12.200
 about a minute
1562
01:19:12.200 --> 01:19:13.100
 left. Okay.
1563
01:19:14.100 --> 01:19:17.200
We're not talking about a temporary change the countryside we will
not.
1564
01:19:17.800 --> 01:19:20.500
Ever recover back what we have now, it
1565
01:19:20.500 --> 01:19:23.400
will be gone forever deal with the consequences of
1566
01:19:23.400 --> 01:19:26.400
 this scheme and that they won't grow up seeing all
1567
01:19:26.400 --> 01:19:29.500
 of the countryside and they will have to deal with the
environmental
1568
01:19:29.500 --> 01:19:32.600
 issues that this will raise because this is not an environmental
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1569
01:19:32.600 --> 01:19:35.400
 green scheme. It will cause a lot of damage. Thank you.
1570
01:19:35.400 --> 01:19:38.100
Thank you McLeod. Thank you
1571
01:19:38.100 --> 01:19:41.600
 next I believe we have Isabel cross
1572
01:19:41.600 --> 01:19:42.900
as well cross.
1573
01:19:48.700 --> 01:19:51.900
Good evening. Miss cross set five
1574
01:19:51.900 --> 01:19:52.000
minutes.
1575
01:19:56.200 --> 01:19:59.100
Can you hear me now? Yes, thank you. I'll try and I'll try
1576
01:19:59.100 --> 01:20:02.800
 and redact some of my submission as I go to avoid if
1577
01:20:02.800 --> 01:20:05.300
 I can some of the things that people
1578
01:20:05.300 --> 01:20:08.500
have said butly it was written with a flow in mind. So I trying to
1579
01:20:08.500 --> 01:20:11.100
 as I go along I just like to fully endorse all
1580
01:20:11.100 --> 01:20:14.300
the comments have been made by our counselors Parish district and
1581
01:20:14.300 --> 01:20:17.200
County councilors and Linda and
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01:20:17.200 --> 01:20:20.200
 Sam. I work in mental health and I want to pick
1583
01:20:20.200 --> 01:20:22.400
 up on mental mentally healthy communities.
1584
01:20:23.300 --> 01:20:26.300
Health and wellbeing policy and strategy nationally and
1585
01:20:26.300 --> 01:20:29.400
 locally is built on maintaining resilient communities to support
1586
01:20:29.400 --> 01:20:30.800
 and improve their own Mental Health.
1587
01:20:31.700 --> 01:20:34.100
18 billion is spent on Mental Health in this country.
1588
01:20:35.100 --> 01:20:39.000
This is broadly underpinned uk-wide by things encouraging practices
1589
01:20:38.300 --> 01:20:40.400
 such as connecting with others.
1590
01:20:41.300 --> 01:20:45.100
Connecting with nature and community-led participation or
1591
01:20:44.100 --> 01:20:45.700
 giving back.
1592
01:20:46.600 \longrightarrow 01:20:49.400
all currently exist here and make it the place I chose
1593
01:20:49.400 --> 01:20:52.400
 to live for my family for me to support
1594
01:20:52.400 --> 01:20:54.700
 and to invest in emotionally and practically
1595
01:20:56.100 --> 01:20:59.900
The scheme presents significant harm to all of those three
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principles
1596
01:20:59.900 --> 01:21:02.400
 that underpins so much of our strategy
01:21:02.400 --> 01:21:02.900
 nationally.
1598
01:21:03.800 --> 01:21:06.500
We've heard the poor design dissects our
1599
01:21:06.500 --> 01:21:09.700
 connectivity like a cheese wire during construction
1600
01:21:09.700 --> 01:21:12.700
 and with the physical structures that will be
1601
01:21:12.700 --> 01:21:15.500
 in view for many years will be changing the
1602
01:21:15.500 --> 01:21:18.700
 natural appearance and access to nature of the area long term
1603
01:21:18.700 --> 01:21:21.700
 40 years beyond my lifetime. My
1604
01:21:21.700 --> 01:21:23.300
 grandchild will be middle aged.
1605
01:21:24.100 --> 01:21:27.100
And disrupting our community cohesion the best
1606
01:21:27.100 --> 01:21:31.300
 thing we have here and disrupting it possibly irretrievably.
1607
01:21:32.200 --> 01:21:36.200
We are socially interconnected Villages not small isolated
1608
01:21:35.200 --> 01:21:38.500
 settlements as I've seen in some documents
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1609
01:21:38.500 --> 01:21:39.700
 described.
1610
01:21:41.200 --> 01:21:44.300
We enjoy meeting people on the footpath. We've heard all about that.
So I'll
1611
01:21:44.300 \longrightarrow 01:21:47.500
 try to to skip that bit. But certainly I have the
1612
01:21:47.500 --> 01:21:50.300
 same feeling as those others. I don't have a dog, but
1613
01:21:50.300 --> 01:21:53.200
 I walk I hear most of my news about New Market down the
1614
01:21:53.200 --> 01:21:56.600
 snail world or walk areas will be very disrupted in
1615
01:21:56.600 --> 01:21:58.400
 construction with the main.
1616
01:22:00.700 --> 01:22:01.400
Palace stations being there
1617
01:22:02.600 --> 01:22:05.600
Sometimes I travel with an urgent need this construction will
1618
01:22:05.600 --> 01:22:08.400
 impact on my driving by getting there my support
1619
01:22:08.400 --> 01:22:11.600
 and will affect no doubt many others that care for
1620
01:22:11.600 --> 01:22:13.100
 other people nearby.
1621
01:22:14.700 --> 01:22:17.400
Longer term the pulse. We will will be
1622
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01:22:17.400 --> 01:22:20.600
drastically changed nature may have moved elsewhere and
1623
01:22:20.600 --> 01:22:23.900
many paths. Some will be substituted instead
1624
01:22:23.900 --> 01:22:26.600
will now be open by landowner permission
1625
01:22:26.600 --> 01:22:29.600
and not by law that permission can
1626
01:22:29.600 --> 01:22:32.500
be withdrawn by the landowner very easily and they can be closed on
1627
01:22:32.500 --> 01:22:36.000
a daily basis as Chippenham Park passed permissive
1628
01:22:35.600 --> 01:22:37.300
Paths of it regularly closed.
1629
01:22:39.300 --> 01:22:43.600
Last Friday our community participation excelled volunteers
1630
01:22:42.600 --> 01:22:45.600
fundraised almost 5,000 pounds
1631
01:22:45.600 --> 01:22:48.400
for the upkeep of our grade one listed Church.
1632
01:22:49.300 \longrightarrow 01:22:52.200
preserving Our Heritage and investing in our community
1633
01:22:52.800 --> 01:22:55.200
the event in its 12th year brings people
1634
01:22:55.200 --> 01:22:58.700
from across the villages and far beyond it will
1635
01:22:58.700 --> 01:23:01.600
be harmed construction will deter visitors traveling
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1636
01:23:01.600 --> 01:23:04.100
here with the loss of our annual funds. If we
1637
01:23:04.100 --> 01:23:08.000
 take a break we'll not be able to re-establish the event as
1638
01:23:07.200 --> 01:23:10.200
 they say our punters will have gone elsewhere.
1639
01:23:11.600 --> 01:23:14.500
This building provides peaceful rescue refuge for
1640
01:23:14.500 --> 01:23:17.400
 locals and visitors and our shared history down
1641
01:23:17.400 --> 01:23:18.200
the generations.
1642
01:23:20.100 --> 01:23:23.500
Daniel's pointed out that nearest a minute amenities maybe
1643
01:23:23.500 --> 01:23:26.800
 in the next Village and necessitated trips, but they're
1644
01:23:26.800 --> 01:23:30.000
 valuable points of contact with other people the co-op
1645
01:23:29.200 --> 01:23:32.200
the post office the shop and Cafe
1646
01:23:32.200 --> 01:23:35.700
 our five churches are one group of
1647
01:23:35.700 --> 01:23:39.600
 the Three Rivers was shared services socials
1648
01:23:38.600 --> 01:23:41.700
 in any one of the five venues.
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01:23:42.700 --> 01:23:45.600
Poor mental health can both be isolating without
1650
01:23:45.600 --> 01:23:48.300
the opportunity for contact and some as
1651
01:23:48.300 --> 01:23:51.500
we've heard will be isolated by the fear of construction
1652
01:23:51.500 --> 01:23:54.200
 and catastrophic change many people.
1653
01:23:54.200 --> 01:23:57.600
 I know have actually disengaged from this whole process because
they've
1654
01:23:57.600 --> 01:24:01.200
 become so overwhelmed with the amount of information and
1655
01:24:00.200 --> 01:24:02.900
the enormity of it.
1656
01:24:04.400 --> 01:24:07.400
The distinction between physical and visual contact is equally
important
1657
01:24:07.400 --> 01:24:09.500
 you have about a minute, okay.
1658
01:24:10.200 --> 01:24:13.500
And we look across Open Fields to what are our neighbors? I see
1659
01:24:13.500 --> 01:24:16.300
 frickenham the church buildings. They're my neighbors
1660
01:24:16.300 --> 01:24:19.300
the snail World Chippenham Avenue of trees lifts my
1661
01:24:19.300 --> 01:24:22.300
heart as I watched it grow over 30 years. You should
1662
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01:24:22.300 --> 01:24:26.000
 be noted that this Avenue will be interrupted with
1663
01:24:25.100 --> 01:24:27.800
 the Gateway into a power plant.
1664
01:24:29.200 --> 01:24:32.300
We have established visual connecting with our near Villages
1665
01:24:32.300 --> 01:24:35.600
 giving us a sense of place and belonging which helps to
1666
01:24:35.600 --> 01:24:38.300
 mentally ground us. I have
1667
01:24:38.300 --> 01:24:41.800
 one request Mr. Chairman that having gone through salaca's
1668
01:24:41.800 --> 01:24:44.400
 Health papers that they'd be
1669
01:24:44.400 --> 01:24:48.000
 made to evidence proper two-way engagement with our pcns that
1670
01:24:47.600 --> 01:24:50.200
 demonstrates that discussion has taken place
1671
01:24:50.200 --> 01:24:53.300
 on Mental Health needs over the construction and the longer
1672
01:24:53.300 --> 01:24:56.800
 term and how's these will be supported. Yes
1673
01:24:56.800 --> 01:25:00.200
 and also resources in the event. Yes. If
1674
01:24:59.200 --> 01:25:02.500
 you have further documentation that you
1675
01:25:02.500 --> 01:25:05.700
wish to put in if you would make it as part of any any
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1676
01:25:05.700 --> 01:25:08.500
 submissions, that should be with us by
1677
01:25:08.500 --> 01:25:11.500
 the 16th. Yes. Remember thank you
1678
01:25:11.500 --> 01:25:14.900
 very much for that. Now next we have Richard Saul
1679
01:25:14.900 --> 01:25:16.500
 it's Richard Saul here.
1680
01:25:18.100 --> 01:25:19.500
Yes, good evening, sir.
1681
01:25:21.800 --> 01:25:23.600
So over to you.
1682
01:25:24.400 --> 01:25:25.300
You have five minutes.
1683
01:25:26.200 --> 01:25:29.800
Thank you, Richard. Saul representing Red Lodge
1684
01:25:29.800 --> 01:25:30.900
 Parish Council and
1685
01:25:32.300 --> 01:25:36.300
I would like to first of all state that
1686
01:25:36.300 --> 01:25:39.500
many of the points covered this evening Red Lodge
1687
01:25:39.500 --> 01:25:39.800
have
1688
01:25:41.100 --> 01:25:45.100
Support to through the written representation. However,
1689
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01:25:44.100 --> 01:25:47.300
 there are two key
1690
01:25:47.300 --> 01:25:52.100
 aspects that are of concern to Red Lodge besides
1691
01:25:50.100 --> 01:25:54.000
 those already mentioned and
1692
01:25:53.200 --> 01:25:55.500
 I'd like to cover those this evening, please.
1693
01:25:56.400 --> 01:25:58.300
the first is is under the
1694
01:25:59.900 --> 01:26:03.300
Heading of landscape and environment Red Lodge
1695
01:26:02.300 --> 01:26:06.000
Village is considered a rural yet
1696
01:26:05.700 --> 01:26:08.100
 affordable and accessible Village.
1697
01:26:09.100 --> 01:26:12.300
Accessible because it's proximity to the two main L2 real
1698
01:26:12.300 --> 01:26:14.100
 roots of the all and Al4.
1699
01:26:14.800 --> 01:26:17.400
Affordable because of the new developments and type houses
1700
01:26:17.400 --> 01:26:18.100
 provided.
1701
01:26:19.400 --> 01:26:23.900
Certainly more affordable than the neighboring Villages of net
sorry.
1702
01:26:23.900 --> 01:26:25.800
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I know bring Villages and New Market.
1703
01:26:26.800 --> 01:26:30.200
And Rural because of the close proximity of Countryside
1704
01:26:29.200 --> 01:26:32.000
and public footpaths accessing it.
1705
01:26:32.800 --> 01:26:35.200
used by all sorts of leisure activities within the
1706
01:26:35.200 --> 01:26:35.500
village
1707
01:26:36.400 --> 01:26:39.300
to the east we have a new build estate past planning
1708
01:26:39.300 --> 01:26:42.500
 about the commence to the north the proposal for 300 plus
1709
01:26:42.500 --> 01:26:45.300
housing estate to the Northwest and existing
1710
01:26:45.300 --> 01:26:48.600
 solar farm and Quarry to the South suspended proposal
01:26:48.600 --> 01:26:49.500
 for further housing.
1712
01:26:50.400 --> 01:26:53.400
And about to commence a 500 new build estate
1713
01:26:53.400 --> 01:26:54.600
 on the boundary with Kennett.
1714
01:26:55.100 --> 01:26:58.800
But all of that pales into insignificance with the Seneca proposal
1715
01:26:58.800 --> 01:27:01.500
 to the west of the village, this is by far
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1716
01:27:01.500 --> 01:27:04.400
 the biggest of the proposals mentioned and by far the
1717
01:27:04.400 --> 01:27:07.200
 biggest impact on the rural aspect of the village.
1718
01:27:08.400 --> 01:27:11.300
None of the roads out of the village have lighting or footpaths. So
1719
01:27:11.300 --> 01:27:14.600
 any Escape for leisure is via one of the only of
1720
01:27:14.600 --> 01:27:17.600
 only a few public rights of way and most
1721
01:27:17.600 --> 01:27:20.800
 of these will become far less accessible both temporarily
1722
01:27:20.800 --> 01:27:22.700
 and in some cases permanently.
1723
01:27:23.600 --> 01:27:26.200
Where the public rights of way are reinstated in
1724
01:27:26.200 --> 01:27:30.200
 the solar farm, there will be enclosed by wire fencing the rural
1725
01:27:29.200 --> 01:27:32.200
 views when driving out of the village will have
1726
01:27:32.200 --> 01:27:35.400
 almost evaporated in essence the word
1727
01:27:35.400 --> 01:27:38.500
 rural in the statement rural yet affordable and
1728
01:27:38.500 --> 01:27:39.900
 accessible will disappear.
1729
01:27:40.900 --> 01:27:43.300
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The rural sorry. Yes. It's a community
1730
01:27:43.300 --> 01:27:46.400
 cumulative effect. But Sunny is by
01:27:46.400 --> 01:27:49.900
 far the largest impact of that accumulative effect. The
1732
01:27:49.900 --> 01:27:52.600
 rural aspect is going to feel like an industrial setting
1733
01:27:52.600 --> 01:27:55.600
 something the parish council and residents
1734
01:27:55.600 --> 01:27:57.100
 feel is wrong and unacceptable.
1735
01:27:58.200 --> 01:28:01.300
Secondly the base on Elms Farm Road
1736
01:28:01.300 --> 01:28:02.800
 if you look at other.
1737
01:28:03.900 --> 01:28:06.800
solar battery Farms such
1738
01:28:06.800 --> 01:28:08.400
 as Carnegie Road and Liverpool
1739
01:28:09.100 --> 01:28:13.000
Where there were problems in September 2020 the Hanson gun
1740
01:28:12.500 --> 01:28:16.300
 solar storage plant in South Korea more able
1741
01:28:15.300 --> 01:28:20.000
 Victoria Australia, July 2021 vistry
1742
01:28:18.200 --> 01:28:21.800
 energy facility Moss Landing,
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1743
01:28:21.800 --> 01:28:25.000
 California in 2021, the Chandler
1744
01:28:24.300 --> 01:28:27.400
 plant in Arizona USA in April,
1745
01:28:27.400 --> 01:28:30.400
 2022 and more recently the Alcorn energy
1746
01:28:30.400 --> 01:28:33.600
 facility. Also in Moss Landing in September
1747
01:28:33.600 --> 01:28:34.600
 2022.
1748
01:28:36.400 --> 01:28:40.200
Not all of these are associated with solar Farms, but all are
lithium-ion
1749
01:28:39.200 --> 01:28:42.500
 battery fires, which some of you will recognize
1750
01:28:42.500 --> 01:28:43.200
 their names.
1751
01:28:44.200 --> 01:28:45.700
But what do they all have in common?
1752
01:28:46.800 --> 01:28:49.200
That's a rhetorical question. I will
1753
01:28:49.200 --> 01:28:52.300
 answer it. They all resulted in. The fire service is declaring the
1754
01:28:52.300 --> 01:28:55.400
 need for residents in the vicinity of that fire to
1755
01:28:55.400 --> 01:28:59.200
 be placed on standby or to evacuate or
1756
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01:28:58.200 --> 01:29:01.700
 in the case of two. I've mentioned sorry to
1757
01:29:01.700 --> 01:29:04.400
 stand by two evacuator in the case of the two. I mentioned
1758
01:29:04.400 --> 01:29:06.200
to actually evacuate.
1759
01:29:07.500 --> 01:29:10.300
There are dozens more maybe hundreds more. I could
1760
01:29:10.300 --> 01:29:13.600
have listed 21 more in South Korea alone.
1761
01:29:14.200 --> 01:29:17.800
all of those associated with solar energy management and lithium
1762
01:29:17.800 --> 01:29:18.600
battery fires
1763
01:29:19.300 --> 01:29:22.800
Fact all of those listed that I've related
1764
01:29:22.800 --> 01:29:25.700
to individually were solar storage
1765
01:29:25.700 --> 01:29:27.900
 and had battery fire safety plans.
1766
01:29:28.800 --> 01:29:31.600
Automatic fire controls suppression systems
1767
01:29:31.600 --> 01:29:34.900
 spacing the list goes on the common
1768
01:29:34.900 --> 01:29:37.500
 denominator was that each initially was a
1769
01:29:37.500 --> 01:29:40.200
 single battery unit fire that resulted in the
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01:29:40.200 --> 01:29:43.500
fire Services decision to take precautionary actions.
1771
01:29:44.500 --> 01:29:47.500
The minister for trade an industry and energy in South
1772
01:29:47.500 \longrightarrow 01:29:51.300
 Korea declared that fires caused by Lithium-ion batteries
1773
01:29:50.300 --> 01:29:52.000
are inevitable.
1774
01:29:52.900 --> 01:29:55.400
But the key lies in how we can minimize the currencies
1775
01:29:55.400 --> 01:29:58.600
and casualties through the advance of Technologies and the
reinforcement
1776
01:29:58.600 --> 01:30:01.000
 are prevented measures and regulations.
1777
01:30:02.100 --> 01:30:06.000
So it is a high probability that battery unit will catch fire,
especially
1778
01:30:05.100 --> 01:30:08.400
 in the sizable beds proposed by
1779
01:30:08.400 --> 01:30:11.900
 Seneca and it is likely to be contained to
1780
01:30:11.900 --> 01:30:14.200
 one unit. Although maybe not.
1781
01:30:14.900 --> 01:30:17.800
By the methods, they're proposing. However,
1782
01:30:17.800 --> 01:30:20.600
 you can produce as many plume Maps as
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01:30:20.600 --> 01:30:23.200
 you like, it's a fact that where there has
1784
01:30:23.200 --> 01:30:26.600
 been a fire in a unit to date the fire Services of acted
1785
01:30:26.600 \longrightarrow 01:30:29.400
 as though a toxic gas release could occur.
1786
01:30:29.400 --> 01:30:31.500
Thank you have about two minutes left.
1787
01:30:32.300 --> 01:30:35.400
The minimum evacuations Zone has been a thousand
1788
01:30:35.400 --> 01:30:38.300
 meters in the case mentioned and furthermore in some
1789
01:30:38.300 --> 01:30:38.700
 instances.
1790
01:30:39.500 --> 01:30:42.200
24 hours exclusion is not uncommon and one of
1791
01:30:42.200 --> 01:30:45.500
the above examples resulted in five days before the area was
1792
01:30:45.500 --> 01:30:48.400
 considered safe. It must Landing the local school
1793
01:30:48.400 --> 01:30:51.700
was locked down for five hours for fear of toxic emissions.
1794
01:30:52.500 --> 01:30:55.400
In Red Lodge, we have residents within 300 meters
1795
01:30:55.400 --> 01:30:58.600
 on Elms Road a new estate of 9. Sorry
1796
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01:30:58.600 --> 01:31:01.800
90 plus houses within 600 meters and two
1797
01:31:01.800 --> 01:31:05.100
sizable schools within 1200 meters the scores
1798
01:31:04.100 --> 01:31:07.300
nearer are nearer than the
1799
01:31:07.300 --> 01:31:08.700
school lockdown in Moss Landing.
1800
01:31:09.400 --> 01:31:12.100
I asked one simple question should the residents of
1801
01:31:12.100 --> 01:31:15.400
 read Lodge be subjected to this risk? Should we have to live with
1802
01:31:15.400 --> 01:31:18.100
the thought that at any time we may have to be put on
1803
01:31:18.100 --> 01:31:21.100
standby or even to evacuate parts of
1804
01:31:21.100 --> 01:31:23.400
the village including the children from two schools.
1805
01:31:24.100 --> 01:31:25.900
I think we all know the sensible answer.
1806
01:31:26.700 --> 01:31:29.200
Puts simply the current proposal for the Bears on
1807
01:31:29.200 --> 01:31:32.500
Elms Road is unacceptable to the parish council and
1808
01:31:32.500 --> 01:31:35.700
to many of the residents of Red Lodge. Thank you. Okay. Thank
1809
01:31:35.700 --> 01:31:36.400
you Mr. Sol.
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1810
01:31:38.800 --> 01:31:41.300
Mr. Soul thank you. Thank you
1811
01:31:41.300 --> 01:31:44.300
 very much Mr. Saul have you put in
1812
01:31:44.300 --> 01:31:48.200
 relevant representations to the examination? Yes,
1813
01:31:47.200 --> 01:31:49.700
 so far the say
1814
01:31:50.400 --> 01:31:53.600
20 Page or so written representation from Red Lodge,
1815
01:31:53.600 --> 01:31:56.700
 right and does that list in any
1816
01:31:56.700 --> 01:31:59.600
 shape or form the the other places that
1817
01:31:59.600 --> 01:32:03.500
 you've referenced just this evening two or
1818
01:32:03.500 --> 01:32:06.600
 three of them are but I can provide the listings. Okay. Are
1819
01:32:06.600 --> 01:32:10.600
 you intending to put in any post hearing
1820
01:32:09.600 --> 01:32:11.900
 submissions yourself?
1821
01:32:13.400 --> 01:32:15.500
up after this open for hearing
1822
01:32:16.100 --> 01:32:19.900
I must admit I haven't thought of that but yes, we will. All right,
it might
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1823
01:32:19.900 --> 01:32:23.700
 be helpful. Actually, you've mentioned quite a few places and
1824
01:32:22.700 --> 01:32:25.300
 if you have
01:32:25.300 --> 01:32:25.500
 any
1826
01:32:28.300 --> 01:32:31.500
any information to
1827
01:32:31.500 --> 01:32:34.500
 add about that so we can get a clear idea of
1828
01:32:34.500 --> 01:32:38.100
 exactly which places you are. You are
1829
01:32:37.100 --> 01:32:40.200
 exemplifying in your submissions that
1830
01:32:40.200 --> 01:32:43.400
 that will be helpful to us. All right. Thank you Mr. Soul.
1831
01:32:43.400 --> 01:32:46.600
 Thank you. Next we have Gene Winters, I
01:32:46.600 --> 01:32:46.700
 think.
1833
01:32:47.700 --> 01:32:50.300
Miss Winters, yes, good evening. You have
1834
01:32:50.300 --> 01:32:52.900
 five minutes. Please proceed. Good evening.
1835
01:32:54.800 --> 01:32:56.800
I'm a resident of Iceland.
1836
01:32:57.800 --> 01:33:00.600
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Where I've lived for the last 12 years
1837
01:33:00.600 --> 01:33:04.200
 like this lady I came from London a
01:33:03.200 --> 01:33:04.900
 peace and quiet.
1839
01:33:05.400 --> 01:33:06.600
in my old age
1840
01:33:07.600 --> 01:33:10.200
and I live limestone.
1841
01:33:11.000 --> 01:33:12.800
kills
1842
01:33:13.700 --> 01:33:17.200
just across from me which are we
1843
01:33:16.200 --> 01:33:19.300
 have Pips drill backs in
1844
01:33:19.300 --> 01:33:21.400
 their moment, which is very nice.
1845
01:33:23.300 --> 01:33:27.200
Like everybody else. I'm going to repeat because where I
1846
01:33:27.200 --> 01:33:28.100
 live is lovely.
1847
01:33:28.800 --> 01:33:31.100
Absolutely gorgeous going out.
1848
01:33:31.700 --> 01:33:34.500
I can see miles and miles or acres and
1849
01:33:34.500 --> 01:33:36.400
 Acres of growing fields.
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1850
01:33:37.300 --> 01:33:39.900
Which we desperately need in this country.
01:33:41.400 --> 01:33:41.500
and
1852
01:33:42.700 --> 01:33:45.400
I don't wish to see panels of
1853
01:33:45.400 --> 01:33:47.500
 black where nothing can grow.
1854
01:33:49.200 --> 01:33:52.200
I'm very sorry, but I don't and I'd like to
1855
01:33:52.200 --> 01:33:53.900
 live out my rest of my life.
1856
01:33:55.300 --> 01:33:58.700
In a country that I've come to absolutely adore.
1857
01:34:00.100 --> 01:34:03.500
And that's my that's my contribution because everybody
1858
01:34:03.500 --> 01:34:06.000
 else has said exactly what how I feel.
01:34:06.700 --> 01:34:09.600
And I know how they feel so thank
1860
01:34:09.600 --> 01:34:12.400
 you very much. Thank you very much. Miss Spencer's
1861
01:34:19.600 --> 01:34:22.800
Yeah, right and next
1862
01:34:22.800 --> 01:34:25.800
 John John Bridges. Yes.
1863
01:34:25.800 --> 01:34:28.500
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Thank you. Yes, thank you. Yes Richards. Yeah. Just
1864
01:34:28.500 --> 01:34:31.200
want to f***** make just three quick points. And the first thing
is that you
1865
01:34:31.200 --> 01:34:32.200
 know the solar farm.
1866
01:34:32.800 --> 01:34:35.800
I thought it would get most of its profit from the sunlight and
1867
01:34:35.800 --> 01:34:39.600
the and the solar work. But in fact that's not true. The solar
1868
01:34:38.600 --> 01:34:41.500
 panels Etc only produce about 20% of
1869
01:34:41.500 --> 01:34:44.200
the site's profit. Most of the profit about
1870
01:34:44.200 --> 01:34:48.200
 80% comes from what's called energy price Arbitrage.
1871
01:34:47.200 --> 01:34:49.600
Where the batteries.
1872
01:34:50.900 --> 01:34:53.500
Store cheap nighttime energy
1873
01:34:53.500 --> 01:34:56.600
 electricity and then they sell it back to the grid obviously
1874
01:34:56.600 --> 01:34:59.900
 much higher price during the day. So objectively it's
1875
01:34:59.900 --> 01:35:02.600
 not really a solar farm It's actually an energy
1876
01:35:02.600 --> 01:35:04.700
 price Arbitrage system.
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1877
01:35:05.800 --> 01:35:08.500
You could almost think of it as if you forget the solar Farms
1878
01:35:08.500 --> 01:35:11.400
 just just forget the soul panels just having a bunch
1879
01:35:11.400 --> 01:35:14.700
 of batteries in the middle of a field feeding the
1880
01:35:14.700 --> 01:35:18.400
 grid and just selling and buying energy electricity at
1881
01:35:18.400 --> 01:35:21.100
 different prices during the during the daytime and you know during
the
1882
01:35:21.100 --> 01:35:24.900
night time so, you know in my view it's not really a solar farm.
It's only
1883
01:35:24.900 --> 01:35:27.600
 20% of its part of its profits come from that it is
1884
01:35:27.600 --> 01:35:30.700
 mostly a very basic energy price
1885
01:35:30.700 --> 01:35:31.700
Arbitrage system.
1886
01:35:32.800 --> 01:35:35.300
And then Sydney's lots of batteries and the second
1887
01:35:35.300 --> 01:35:36.500
 point is the batteries. I mean
1888
01:35:37.200 --> 01:35:40.500
as you probably know lithium ion batteries are not particularly
safe. They have
1889
01:35:40.500 --> 01:35:40.600
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lots of
1890
01:35:41.600 --> 01:35:44.800
fires particularly in Tesla cars and other cars if
01:35:44.800 --> 01:35:47.300
a Tesla car catches on fire the fire brigade don't
1892
01:35:47.300 --> 01:35:50.100
 even bother put it out because it's so Fierce. They let it
1893
01:35:50.100 --> 01:35:53.300
burn out. That's what they do. Globally. They don't put them out.
They
1894
01:35:53.300 --> 01:35:56.800
 just let them burn out. So it's a very intense very strong fire
1895
01:35:56.800 --> 01:35:59.400
 that the fire service can't really cope with.
1896
01:36:00.100 --> 01:36:03.800
The Halon faster present stuff in the containers. I
1897
01:36:03.800 --> 01:36:06.500
 don't believe we'll be adequate to put any fire out because they
1898
01:36:06.500 --> 01:36:09.600
 are seriously strong. So I don't believe whatever whatever
1899
01:36:09.600 \longrightarrow 01:36:12.900
Sonic could say about how long far suppressant system.
1900
01:36:12.900 --> 01:36:15.400
 It won't work. It won't be adequate. It really won't.
1901
01:36:16.100 --> 01:36:19.400
And the third point I want to make briefly is that you know,
1902
01:36:19.400 --> 01:36:20.500
why is it in this location?
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1903
01:36:21.400 --> 01:36:24.200
It's not an ideal location, you know, you can stick it in the fence
1904
01:36:24.200 --> 01:36:27.100
 in Yorkshire or whatever. It is only here because there are
1905
01:36:27.100 --> 01:36:31.100
 a handful of landowners who own you
1906
01:36:30.100 --> 01:36:32.000
 know, 3,000 Acres.
1907
01:36:32.800 --> 01:36:35.900
Sonic you only have a couple of say three will thereabouts
1908
01:36:36.600 --> 01:36:39.000
Sonic a can only have to do
1909
01:36:39.100 --> 01:36:42.400
with three or there about landowners to secure this
1910
01:36:42.400 --> 01:36:45.100
 option on this land so it is
1911
01:36:45.100 --> 01:36:48.500
 not in the right place. It's only the convenience of Seneca being
1912
01:36:48.500 --> 01:36:51.400
 able to negotiate with three landowners. That's the
1913
01:36:51.400 --> 01:36:52.400
 only reason it's here.
1914
01:36:54.200 --> 01:36:56.600
So long to say thank you. Just bear with just
1915
01:36:58.600 --> 01:37:01.600
That I do understand you need feel
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1916
01:37:01.600 --> 01:37:05.100
 the need to do that. It does interfere with
1917
01:37:05.100 --> 01:37:08.500
my note taking with me.
1918
01:37:13.300 --> 01:37:17.100
Okay. Thank you everyone. So next we
1919
01:37:16.100 --> 01:37:20.200
have Justin fuger.
1920
01:37:19.200 --> 01:37:21.700
Yes, Mr. Fuga. Thank you.
1921
01:37:23.300 --> 01:37:26.400
Okay, so my name is Justin fuger. I'm a resident of Iceland. I've
1922
01:37:26.400 --> 01:37:29.900
 been living there for 12 years and I love living in this location
in
1923
01:37:29.900 --> 01:37:32.700
this Countryside. I really appreciate it
1924
01:37:32.700 --> 01:37:35.900
 the wildlife the agriculture the
1925
01:37:35.900 --> 01:37:38.700
 expansive views the Finland characteristics that
1926
01:37:38.700 --> 01:37:41.500
 make this place so special, you know
1927
01:37:41.500 --> 01:37:44.600
 as you stand on sheldrick road by the ark all
1928
01:37:44.600 --> 01:37:47.600
the Old Railway Bridge on Station Road You Can
1929
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01:37:47.600 --> 01:37:50.300
 See For Miles from from Islam to Milton
1930
01:37:50.300 --> 01:37:53.200
Hall to freaking them and shipping them. It's just fantastic. I'd
1931
01:37:53.200 --> 01:37:56.700
to talk about how this project really affects me my family and
1932
01:37:56.700 --> 01:37:59.300
 also and also the community I mean the Sunday
1933
01:37:59.300 --> 01:38:02.200
 can proposal it would change this because when I look out of my
bedroom
1934
01:38:02.200 --> 01:38:05.700
window, all I would see are fields of Glass and Metal
1935
01:38:05.700 --> 01:38:08.100
with some battery containers and inverters.
1936
01:38:08.900 --> 01:38:11.300
That will not make me feel like I'm living in
1937
01:38:11.300 --> 01:38:12.300
the countryside.
1938
01:38:12.900 --> 01:38:15.500
The proximity of this is perverse. It's imposing.
1939
01:38:15.500 --> 01:38:17.900
 It's inconsiderate to the community here.
1940
01:38:18.900 --> 01:38:21.500
I like to go cycling. I try to cycle most days
1941
01:38:21.500 --> 01:38:24.500
 and at the weekends and in the winter time when I
1942
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01:38:24.500 --> 01:38:27.700
 serve cycle, I like to see and listen to the wildlife the
1943
01:38:27.700 --> 01:38:28.600
birds the deer.
1944
01:38:29.200 --> 01:38:33.100
I like to take in the landscape that surrounds me the produce
1945
01:38:32.100 --> 01:38:35.900
the potatoes the sugar beet the wheat and
1946
01:38:35.900 --> 01:38:38.500
I always think well, how could there
1947
01:38:38.500 --> 01:38:42.500
be solar panels instead of this? It's just mind-boggling. This
1948
01:38:41.500 --> 01:38:44.900
is what it's like to live in the countryside. This
01:38:44.900 --> 01:38:47.500
 is what it's like to live and live in an agricultural
1950
01:38:47.500 --> 01:38:50.800
setting and this is why I chose to live right here.
1951
01:38:50.800 --> 01:38:53.600
These experiences are of course changeable. I
1952
01:38:53.600 \longrightarrow 01:38:56.500
love the diversity when I cycle through from season to
1953
01:38:56.500 --> 01:39:00.100
 season from Harvest to harvest it gives me different variety
1954
01:38:59.100 --> 01:39:02.200
to the landscape and I really value that.
1955
01:39:02.200 --> 01:39:05.900
I often see other cyclists, especially at weekend and
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1956
01:39:05.900 --> 01:39:08.200
 there are regular cycling groups that use the roads around
1957
01:39:08.200 --> 01:39:12.400
 chip and them and lahog in particular if Seneca
1958
01:39:11.400 --> 01:39:14.400
went ahead. My regular journey is around Beck Road
1959
01:39:14.400 --> 01:39:17.100
 and fairy Lane Station Road. I've been
1960
01:39:17.100 --> 01:39:20.600
 looking onto these huge fields of glass metal as I mentioned
surrounded by
1961
01:39:20.600 --> 01:39:23.800
 fencing large substations and compounds
1962
01:39:23.800 --> 01:39:26.300
 full of containers with batteries and security lighting.
1963
01:39:27.300 --> 01:39:30.400
These don't belong in this area. This doesn't make
1964
01:39:30.400 --> 01:39:33.900
 me feel like I'm living in the countryside the pleasurable
1965
01:39:33.900 --> 01:39:34.900
 experience would be removed.
1966
01:39:36.300 --> 01:39:39.300
I don't want to live in such an industrial setting it's not
1967
01:39:39.300 --> 01:39:42.400
why I chose to live here or to bring up my family either.
1968
01:39:43.100 --> 01:39:46.400
My children also have a very strong connection with the surrounding
environment
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1969
01:39:46.400 --> 01:39:50.400
 too. They love watching the activity in the fields. My
1970
01:39:49.400 --> 01:39:52.700
 son while growing up wasn't an avid admirer
1971
01:39:52.700 \longrightarrow 01:39:55.300
 of all the different Farm machines. He saw in the field here.
1972
01:39:55.300 --> 01:39:58.900
He knew the difference between a new Hollander John Deere different
tractors
1973
01:39:58.900 --> 01:40:01.900
 and combined Harvesters and bail here
1974
01:40:01.900 --> 01:40:04.400
telehandlers Etc. You know
1975
01:40:04.400 --> 01:40:07.400
 many time. We've actually pull over onto shedric sheldrick's Road
1976
01:40:07.400 --> 01:40:10.200
 or Beck Road, when the potato Harvesters have been
1977
01:40:10.200 --> 01:40:13.400
 in action or the combine Harvesters have been working along Station
Road
1978
01:40:13.400 \longrightarrow 01:40:16.700
 or the hay balers. He was so inspired
1979
01:40:16.700 --> 01:40:19.500
 that he'd asked for toy models to play
1980
01:40:19.500 --> 01:40:22.800
with at home all inspired by what he experiences
1981
01:40:22.800 --> 01:40:25.700
 every day in these fields around here. And
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1982
01:40:25.700 --> 01:40:28.000
 even today he still takes photographs of the
1983
01:40:28.700 --> 01:40:31.400
wildlife and the crops around here because that's what he
1984
01:40:31.400 --> 01:40:34.100
 identifies with and enjoys. He loves the
1985
01:40:34.100 --> 01:40:37.100
 raw environment. Seneca will take
1986
01:40:37.100 --> 01:40:40.400
 that away for the next 40 Years of his life same for
1987
01:40:40.400 --> 01:40:42.700
his school friends who also enjoy this rural location.
1988
01:40:43.100 --> 01:40:46.400
I feel very sad that if he
1989
01:40:46.400 --> 01:40:49.400
 stays here and has his own children. They would also
1990
01:40:49.400 --> 01:40:52.500
 be deprived of this rural experience. What a mess
1991
01:40:52.500 --> 01:40:53.800
will be left behind for them.
1992
01:40:54.300 --> 01:40:57.400
This is not temporary. By the way, it would affect the rest
1993
01:40:57.400 --> 01:41:00.700
 of my life a very large proportion of my son's
1994
01:41:00.700 --> 01:41:03.200
 life and the early life of my children he may have
1995
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01:41:04.100 --> 01:41:08.600
so the other thing that I want to touch on briefly is in my written
representation is
1996
01:41:07.600 --> 01:41:10.400
 the interaction between the villagers here.
01:41:10.400 --> 01:41:14.000
We live in Ireland, but we regularly go to the surrounding
Villages. I've
1998
01:41:13.200 --> 01:41:16.300
 got friends who live in Red Lodge they work
1999
01:41:16.300 --> 01:41:19.600
 in the racing industry and they absolutely they're absolutely
frightened
2000
01:41:19.600 --> 01:41:22.400
 of the prospect of job insecurity. If this scheme
2001
01:41:22.400 --> 01:41:25.400
 goes ahead they often talk about how they love riding on
2002
01:41:25.400 --> 01:41:28.300
 the lime keons and The Prestige of New Market and
2003
01:41:28.300 --> 01:41:31.400
 the excellent facilities for horse racing here. We've got
2004
01:41:31.400 --> 01:41:34.300
 friends and freaking them. We regularly cycle out or walk
2005
01:41:34.300 --> 01:41:37.500
 there as a family along sheldrix Road Beck Road.
2006
01:41:37.500 --> 01:41:40.500
Multiple Lane to meet up with them. We often pass
2007
01:41:40.500 --> 01:41:41.800
 a few dog walkers along the way.
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2008
01:41:42.700 --> 01:41:45.200
We enjoy cycling down to the river near the marina
2009
01:41:45.200 --> 01:41:48.300
 in the summer. We often see a few kids on paddle boards
01:41:48.300 --> 01:41:51.400
 on kayaks. We go along the riverbank and we usually head
2011
01:41:51.400 --> 01:41:54.600
 to west row spotting the odd boat on the water and a
2012
01:41:54.600 --> 01:41:55.800
 few people fishing on the banks.
2013
01:41:56.500 --> 01:41:59.800
It's a lovely place but this wouldn't be the same if the
2014
01:41:59.800 --> 01:42:02.600
 East a side went ahead as the Outlook would
2015
01:42:02.600 --> 01:42:06.600
 be an industrial view of best containers substations panels.
2016
01:42:06.600 --> 01:42:09.400
 The rural nature would be gone. I'm almost finished.
2017
01:42:09.400 --> 01:42:12.600
 By the way. This scheme surrounds us. I won't
2018
01:42:12.600 --> 01:42:15.600
 enjoy traveling around this area for exercise or to
2019
01:42:15.600 --> 01:42:18.300
 see our friends or just generally go to the shops or
2020
01:42:18.300 --> 01:42:21.500
 pubs or go swimming in the neighboring towns and Villages. It will
2021
01:42:21.500 --> 01:42:24.900
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no longer feel like we live in the countryside this
2022
01:42:24.900 --> 01:42:27.900
whole proposal makes me incredibly sad, I
01:42:27.900 --> 01:42:30.000
would seriously consider moving away because this is
2024
01:42:30.300 --> 01:42:33.300
 not what I want my children to have I certainly don't
2025
01:42:33.300 --> 01:42:35.100
want it for my children's children either.
2026
01:42:36.100 --> 01:42:40.400
Thank you very much, Mr. Burger. Julia. Julia
2027
01:42:39.400 --> 01:42:43.300
Huffer. Is Julia Huffer
2028
01:42:43.300 --> 01:42:43.400
here?
2029
01:42:44.200 --> 01:42:47.500
Oh, yes, good evening. And now I'm send
2030
01:42:47.500 --> 01:42:50.200
 you you represent a number of organizations. Is that
2031
01:42:50.200 --> 01:42:53.700
 right? I'm a District counselor for Fordham for Fordham
2032
01:42:53.700 --> 01:42:56.400
Village at Fordham Villages and Iceland which compromised Fordham
2033
01:42:56.400 --> 01:42:59.400
 Islam Chippenham snellwell and Kenneth and
2034
01:43:00.900 --> 01:43:03.400
On behalf of who may you speak and
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2035
01:43:03.400 --> 01:43:06.600
 speaking as a district councilor? Yes on behalf of my villages in
2036
01:43:06.600 --> 01:43:09.300
that case. We've got you down as five minutes and we should have
you down
2037
01:43:09.300 \longrightarrow 01:43:12.400
 as 10 minutes. Thank you. I will do my very best. I've tried
2038
01:43:12.400 --> 01:43:16.300
to do it five minutes, but I couldn't breathe. Yes. Okay. Well,
2039
01:43:15.300 --> 01:43:18.300
we all need to do that. I need to do that. We do.
2040
01:43:18.300 --> 01:43:22.000
Thank you, please go ahead. Thank you firstly
2041
01:43:21.300 --> 01:43:24.400
 may I say I am the communities I
2042
01:43:24.400 --> 01:43:27.500
 represent are in favor of solar power and we acknowledge the
2043
01:43:27.500 --> 01:43:30.700
 challenges we face and achieving Net Zero. However, this
2044
01:43:30.700 --> 01:43:33.300
 scheme if approved will devastate the area we
2045
01:43:33.300 --> 01:43:34.200
 love and live in
2046
01:43:34.800 --> 01:43:37.300
our objection is to the monolithic scale of
2047
01:43:37.300 --> 01:43:40.300
the scheme and its impact on the communities it envelops.
2048
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01:43:40.900 --> 01:43:43.900
In these cams we are proud that this area already produces
2049
01:43:43.900 --> 01:43:46.400
more renewable energy than any other District
2050
01:43:46.400 --> 01:43:47.200
 in Cambria.
2051
01:43:48.200 --> 01:43:51.300
This area of the country is famous the world over for its
2052
01:43:51.300 --> 01:43:54.600
 vast flat fields of wonderful produce from salad
2053
01:43:54.600 --> 01:43:57.300
 leaves and beetroot to grain and root vegetables of
2054
01:43:57.300 --> 01:43:57.700
 all kinds.
2055
01:43:58.700 --> 01:44:01.600
The headquarters of racing is located in New Market where
2056
01:44:01.600 --> 01:44:04.800
 3,000 resources live and train bringing employment
2057
01:44:04.800 --> 01:44:06.600
 and supporting Industries to the area.
2058
01:44:07.900 \longrightarrow 01:44:10.400
The visual impact to this application cannot be
2059
01:44:10.400 --> 01:44:11.400
 underestimated.
2060
01:44:12.200 --> 01:44:15.100
The unique nature of the fence, is that a fields of crops?
2061
01:44:15.700 --> 01:44:18.400
Spreading out as far as the eye can see like the
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2062
01:44:18.400 --> 01:44:21.200
 prayers of the Midwest. It has a beauty not
2063
01:44:21.200 --> 01:44:24.200
 all appreciate but it's part of the nature of the
2064
01:44:24.200 --> 01:44:25.200
 area that we live in.
2065
01:44:26.100 --> 01:44:29.900
The urbanization and industrialization that 1600 Acres
2066
01:44:29.900 --> 01:44:32.100
 of solar panels would bring cannot be
2067
01:44:32.100 --> 01:44:35.400
 quite hidden behind Hedges that would take 15 years to
2068
01:44:35.400 --> 01:44:37.300
 establish to hide the panels.
2069
01:44:38.300 --> 01:44:41.500
The insertion of Hedges where they don't belong is unacceptable.
2070
01:44:42.500 --> 01:44:45.100
The sheer scale of the application would change the
2071
01:44:45.100 --> 01:44:47.200
 principle of open Farmland that we enjoy.
2072
01:44:48.200 --> 01:44:51.200
Many of us have chosen to live in the countryside because we love
the
2073
01:44:51.200 --> 01:44:54.600
 Open Fields and lack of urbanization allowing this
2074
01:44:54.600 --> 01:44:57.200
 to go forward will destroy an aspect of Our Lives that
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2075
01:44:57.200 --> 01:44:58.900
we take for granted forever.
2076
01:45:00.600 --> 01:45:03.400
Planning policies have been adopted by East cams
2077
01:45:03.400 --> 01:45:06.800
to predict or protect our residents from inappropriate developments
2078
01:45:06.800 --> 01:45:09.300
this application fails to adhere to
2079
01:45:09.300 --> 01:45:12.500
so many of these it feels like this application is
2080
01:45:12.500 --> 01:45:15.500
designed to assault every part of our community
2081
01:45:15.500 --> 01:45:18.500
 leading approach the height and
2082
01:45:18.500 --> 01:45:21.300
massing of the proposals are contrary to policies
2083
01:45:21.300 --> 01:45:24.600
protecting the unacceptable visual intrusion into
2084
01:45:24.600 --> 01:45:27.800
open Countryside and the potential impact of
2085
01:45:27.800 --> 01:45:30.300
covering 1600 acres in glass and
2086
01:45:30.300 --> 01:45:33.800
concrete could increase the result in
2087
01:45:33.800 --> 01:45:36.500
the increase of localized flooding that has
2088
01:45:36.500 --> 01:45:39.000
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been suffered by large areas of our community in recent years.
2089
01:45:40.200 --> 01:45:43.300
The increased flood risk of where rain would normally be managed by
2090
01:45:43.300 --> 01:45:46.800
 natural Soca way and well-managed farmland would likely
2091
01:45:46.800 --> 01:45:49.700
 create torrents of water that could distro
2092
01:45:49.700 --> 01:45:51.400
 destroy homes and businesses
2093
01:45:52.600 --> 01:45:55.500
The battery storage units are not in keeping with the
2094
01:45:55.500 --> 01:45:56.000
nature of the area.
2095
01:45:57.100 --> 01:46:00.200
Farm buildings are more organic and smaller in scale than what
2096
01:46:00.200 --> 01:46:01.200
 is being proposed here.
01:46:02.200 --> 01:46:05.200
These units would be more at home in an industrial park not in open
2098
01:46:05.200 --> 01:46:08.200
 Countryside. They would be impossible to hide and be
2099
01:46:08.200 --> 01:46:09.300
 visible for miles.
2100
01:46:10.100 --> 01:46:14.200
The impact on beautiful buildings such as the arcanism and many
2101
01:46:14.200 --> 01:46:17.600
 other iconic buildings such as I as churches and areas about
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2102
01:46:17.600 --> 01:46:20.300
 standing natural beauty such as Chippenham Park and the
2103
01:46:20.300 --> 01:46:21.600
 lion Kilns would be devastating.
2104
01:46:22.900 --> 01:46:25.600
The applicant is suggesting that biodiversity will
2105
01:46:25.600 --> 01:46:29.300
 be improved by providing biodiversity corridors.
2106
01:46:28.300 --> 01:46:31.800
 Unfortunately Wildlife don't
2107
01:46:31.800 --> 01:46:33.700
 know what a biodiversity Corridor is.
2108
01:46:34.400 --> 01:46:37.200
Dear monk, Jack Harris rabbits voles and
2109
01:46:37.200 --> 01:46:40.400
 all manner of bird life are used to being able to roam freely over
2110
01:46:40.400 --> 01:46:43.700
 the 2,600 Acres that will become a fenced
2111
01:46:43.700 --> 01:46:46.800
 industrialized artificial manicured era
2112
01:46:46.800 --> 01:46:49.200
 area. Those who did what what
2113
01:46:49.200 --> 01:46:52.800
 those who don't know better would call a biodiverse corridor,
2114
01:46:52.800 --> 01:46:54.600
but what I call an abomination
2115
01:46:56.100 --> 01:46:59.600
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As a civilized society, we should live in harmony with nature not
2116
01:46:59.600 --> 01:47:01.100
 tell nature how to behave.
2117
01:47:03.300 --> 01:47:06.600
We should respect the balance of Agriculture and Wildlife that
2118
01:47:06.600 --> 01:47:09.500
 has worked for Generations. It is sheer arrogance
2119
01:47:09.500 --> 01:47:12.700
 and box ticking to ticking to say that Wildlife won't
2120
01:47:12.700 --> 01:47:13.200
 be affected.
2121
01:47:13.900 --> 01:47:16.300
Anyone who has watched deer streaming over Open
2122
01:47:16.300 --> 01:47:19.400
 Fields and would understand
2123
01:47:19.400 --> 01:47:22.700
 that I stood yesterday and watched as flocks
2124
01:47:22.700 --> 01:47:24.900
 of geese flew majestically over Open Fields.
2125
01:47:26.600 --> 01:47:29.100
That could soon be filled with solar panels and wonder how many
2126
01:47:29.100 --> 01:47:32.300
 would die as a result of attempting to land on the water
2127
01:47:32.300 --> 01:47:34.300
 like appearance of a field of solar panels.
2128
01:47:35.100 --> 01:47:36.200
I have brought for you today.
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2129
01:47:37.300 --> 01:47:41.700
Of copy of the biodiversity policy adopted
2130
01:47:40.700 --> 01:47:43.400
 by East cams only
2131
01:47:43.400 --> 01:47:47.100
 two weeks ago. This is what a sensitive meaningful
2132
01:47:46.100 --> 01:47:49.400
 biodiversity policy look, like looks like
2133
01:47:49.400 --> 01:47:52.900
 not a single mention of a corridor. However, three
2134
01:47:52.900 --> 01:47:55.700
 of the seven areas regarded by eastcams as
2135
01:47:55.700 --> 01:47:58.300
 the most important to preserve and enhance would be
2136
01:47:58.300 --> 01:47:59.900
 under Threat by this application.
2137
01:48:00.800 --> 01:48:03.400
We live in an area that is rich in archaeological
2138
01:48:03.400 --> 01:48:06.600
 history much of it has yet to be discovered and would
2139
01:48:06.600 --> 01:48:07.600
 potentially be lost forever.
2140
01:48:08.200 --> 01:48:11.300
The attitude of the applicant is the potential finds would not be
lost.
2141
01:48:11.300 --> 01:48:14.200
 But merely hidden under concrete panels that in 40
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01:48:14.200 --> 01:48:18.200
 years time could be removed and turned to Farmland once more how
naive
2143
01:48:17.200 --> 01:48:20.100
 do they think we are the panels were
2144
01:48:20.100 --> 01:48:23.600
 not lost for last 40 Years and may maybe 25
2145
01:48:23.600 --> 01:48:26.300
 years at most by which time I would expect to further
2146
01:48:26.300 --> 01:48:29.900
 application in to be made to continue the process. Let's not
2147
01:48:29.900 --> 01:48:32.500
 be under any illusion. If this scheme goes
2148
01:48:32.500 --> 01:48:35.800
 ahead the land will be lost forever land which
2149
01:48:35.800 --> 01:48:38.600
 currently produces a huge range of crops such as
2150
01:48:38.600 --> 01:48:42.300
 potatoes parsnips onions carrots
2151
01:48:41.300 --> 01:48:44.900
 sugar beet Rye barley and
2152
01:48:44.900 --> 01:48:47.200
wheat the applicant would have you
2153
01:48:47.200 --> 01:48:50.600
believe that the land is of poor quality. However, no farmer
2154
01:48:50.600 --> 01:48:53.600
would invest in irrigating poor soil every acre
2155
01:48:53.600 --> 01:48:56.200
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of the scheme is high quality productive land
2156
01:48:56.200 --> 01:48:59.200
with irrigation producing a wide range of
01:48:59.200 --> 01:49:02.500
 produce that we need to feed ourselves and the
2158
01:49:02.500 --> 01:49:04.700
 livestock that we rely on for meat and milk.
2159
01:49:06.500 --> 01:49:09.600
Poor arable land would not produce 38,000 tons
2160
01:49:09.600 --> 01:49:13.000
 of produce as does the land on neighboring Farms the
2161
01:49:12.500 --> 01:49:15.300
 report on the quality of soil to submitted
2162
01:49:15.300 --> 01:49:18.800
 by the applicant is poorly prepared and technically lacking and
2163
01:49:18.800 --> 01:49:21.700
 numerous requests to access areas affected
2164
01:49:21.700 --> 01:49:24.400
 to take samples have been denied if they
2165
01:49:24.400 --> 01:49:27.700
have nothing to fear and nothing to hide. Why would
2166
01:49:27.700 --> 01:49:28.500
they deny access?
2167
01:49:29.500 --> 01:49:32.500
The applicant is proposing 707 Acres
2168
01:49:32.500 --> 01:49:34.600
 of lithium ion battery storage.
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2169
01:49:35.400 --> 01:49:38.600
Should these batteries Catch Fire as has happened in the United
States and Australia?
2170
01:49:38.600 --> 01:49:41.500
They cannot be put out they have to burn themselves out
2171
01:49:41.500 --> 01:49:44.800
 releasing toxic fumes as they do. So evacuation of
2172
01:49:44.800 --> 01:49:47.500
 large areas as distinct possibility and a
2173
01:49:47.500 --> 01:49:50.300
 closed window policy for thousands of household for up
2174
01:49:50.300 --> 01:49:51.300
 to a week is inevitable.
2175
01:49:52.300 --> 01:49:55.500
How it would affect Wildlife is unclear. But you can imagine the
2176
01:49:55.500 --> 01:49:57.600
 devastation that could be caused over a vast area.
2177
01:49:58.400 --> 01:50:01.400
The predicted battery storage is a capacity for Grace than
2178
01:50:01.400 --> 01:50:04.300
what we needed for the storage of electricity to produce by the
solar panels.
2179
01:50:04.300 --> 01:50:08.200
The future operator will be trading electricity buying
2180
01:50:07.200 --> 01:50:10.300
 from the National Grid when demand is low and cheap
2181
01:50:10.300 --> 01:50:14.100
 and selling it back when they demand is high and expensive the
pretense.
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2182
01:50:13.100 --> 01:50:16.500
This is a green initiative is exposed. This is
2183
01:50:16.500 --> 01:50:19.400
 only about making money and the knowledge that this
2184
01:50:19.400 \longrightarrow 01:50:22.100
will take at least 40 years to be carbon neutral if ever
2185
01:50:22.100 --> 01:50:25.100
makes a mockery of the efforts of so many of us to try
2186
01:50:25.100 --> 01:50:28.200
 and reduce our carbon footprint the importation of
2187
01:50:28.200 --> 01:50:32.000
 1.1 million solar panels from China and the
2188
01:50:31.200 --> 01:50:34.500
 replacement of batteries every 12 years will ensure
2189
01:50:34.500 --> 01:50:37.200
 that this will be the least green energy scheme in
2190
01:50:37.200 --> 01:50:37.600
 the country.
2191
01:50:38.700 --> 01:50:41.300
The increase of vehicle movements on what the County Council
2192
01:50:41.300 --> 01:50:44.500
have said on many occasions are quite B roads will
2193
01:50:44.500 --> 01:50:47.400
be catastrophic and conservative estimates is
2194
01:50:47.400 --> 01:50:51.300
 that during the two years of construction and additional 3,000
vehicle
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2195
01:50:51.300 --> 01:50:54.900
 movements many of them hgv is on country roads used
2196
01:50:54.900 --> 01:50:56.300
 by school children walking to school.
01:50:57.300 --> 01:51:00.400
For vehicle movements used the vehicle movements during construction
2198
01:51:00.400 --> 01:51:04.100
 would result in particulates from fuel being blown
2199
01:51:03.100 --> 01:51:06.400
 into Villages at Scales never experienced before.
2200
01:51:07.200 --> 01:51:10.500
Why at a time when we're encouraging people to get out of their cars
2201
01:51:10.500 --> 01:51:13.500
 and use their bicycles would we make the roads more dangerous
2202
01:51:13.500 --> 01:51:16.500
 and pollute the air not only with exhaust fumes, but
2203
01:51:16.500 --> 01:51:20.200
 with also with Untold quantities of particulates
2204
01:51:19.200 --> 01:51:22.800
 of harmful construction materials. This will
2205
01:51:22.800 --> 01:51:25.200
 drive concerned parents and residents back into
2206
01:51:25.200 --> 01:51:29.100
 their cars and increase the volume of traffic and congestion in
2207
01:51:28.100 --> 01:51:30.800
what are supposed to be tranquil villages.
2208
01:51:32.100 --> 01:51:35.800
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residence
2209
01:51:35.800 --> 01:51:38.400
 from an Abomination that will blight their
2210
01:51:38.400 --> 01:51:41.300
 lives and those of their children in ways that keep
2211
01:51:41.300 --> 01:51:42.800
me awake at night. Thank you.
2212
01:51:49.600 --> 01:51:51.300
Thank you very much councilor.
2213
01:51:52.700 --> 01:51:56.100
Thank you very much councilor. So I
2214
01:51:55.100 --> 01:51:58.700
 think we move next to
2215
01:51:58.700 --> 01:52:02.000
to John. Oh
2216
01:52:01.400 --> 01:52:06.100
 before I do so counselor her
2217
01:52:05.100 --> 01:52:09.700
 fact you mentioned one document. Will that
2218
01:52:09.700 --> 01:52:12.600
be submitted? I could I can give
2219
01:52:12.600 --> 01:52:13.200
you I've
2220
01:52:13.200 --> 01:52:16.200
Two paper versions for you to take it with you today. You try
getting
2221
01:52:16.200 --> 01:52:20.200
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So members of the planning inspectorate I would ask you to save my

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it done. Well, if if you see the case officer and send
2222
01:52:19.200 --> 01:52:22.800
 it in in the normal way to to the
2223
01:52:22.800 --> 01:52:25.200
 inspectorate. Could you just give me the name
2224
01:52:25.200 --> 01:52:28.800
 of the document again, please? It is the biodiversity net
2225
01:52:28.800 --> 01:52:32.000
 gain and nature recovery in East Cambria presented
2226
01:52:31.200 --> 01:52:34.700
to the finance and assets committee by Richard Kay
2227
01:52:34.700 --> 01:52:38.100
who's the strategic planning manager on the 24th of November 2022
2228
01:52:40.500 --> 01:52:43.300
So sorry, which council is
2229
01:52:43.300 --> 01:52:45.600
that East cams District Council East homes?
2230
01:52:49.600 --> 01:52:52.100
Okay. Thank you very much. And the other thing I just need to be
2231
01:52:52.100 --> 01:52:55.300
 sure about is we tried not sure
2232
01:52:55.300 --> 01:52:58.200
whether I got correctly was the the
2233
01:52:58.200 --> 01:53:02.500
bodies that you were representing. I'm
2234
01:53:01.500 --> 01:53:04.200
 the ward councilor one of the ward
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2235
01:53:04.200 --> 01:53:07.900
 counselors for Fordham Villages and Islam for them
2236
01:53:07.900 --> 01:53:10.400
 and eyes that compromises that the
2237
01:53:10.400 --> 01:53:14.100
Ward's eye or The Villages. I look after are Fordham Iceland
2238
01:53:13.100 --> 01:53:16.700
 Chippenham Kenneth and snellwell.
2239
01:53:25.100 --> 01:53:29.300
Good. Thank you very much. My pleasure. Now we move
2240
01:53:29.300 --> 01:53:32.600
 then to do we say
2241
01:53:32.600 --> 01:53:33.600
 John Leach was here.
2242
01:53:36.400 --> 01:53:38.900
Oh, that's right. You didn't want to speak this evening.
2243
01:53:39.900 --> 01:53:42.400
Right. Thank you very much. So then I
01:53:42.400 --> 01:53:43.000
 think
2245
01:53:44.500 --> 01:53:48.700
we have counselor to pray. Yes counselor.
2246
01:53:47.700 --> 01:53:50.400
You have 10 minutes,
2247
01:53:50.400 --> 01:53:51.200
please proceed.
2248
01:53:52.900 --> 01:53:54.300
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Thank you very much indeed.
2249
01:53:56.400 --> 01:53:59.600
Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you about this application
01:53:59.600 --> 01:54:02.500
 this evening. My name is councilor Lorna Duprey
2251
01:54:02.500 --> 01:54:05.500
 and I chair the environment and green investment Committee of
2252
01:54:05.500 --> 01:54:08.200
 Cambridge County Council. It is this committee
2253
01:54:08.200 --> 01:54:12.100
 that's responsible for considering and approving the council
submissions
2254
01:54:11.100 --> 01:54:15.300
 in response to those National strategic infrastructure
2255
01:54:14.300 --> 01:54:17.200
 project applications in the
2256
01:54:17.200 --> 01:54:20.900
 council area, which relate to energy and waste projects.
2257
01:54:22.300 --> 01:54:25.400
I need to start by pointing out the obvious that this very large
2258
01:54:25.400 --> 01:54:28.400
 scale application is of great significance to many
2259
01:54:28.400 --> 01:54:31.500
 residents across a large part of Cambridgeshire. And
2260
01:54:31.500 --> 01:54:34.200
 that elected members of Cambridge County Council have been
2261
01:54:34.200 --> 01:54:37.800
 actively engaged with its progress since its earliest
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2262
01:54:37.800 --> 01:54:38.300
 stages.
2263
01:54:39.300 --> 01:54:44.000
At 1,130 hectares or 2,792 Acres
2264
01:54:43.500 --> 01:54:46.600
 this application if granted consent
2265
01:54:46.600 --> 01:54:48.600
would be the largest solar farm in the UK.
2266
01:54:49.500 --> 01:54:52.800
Included within the red line are a total of 11 Parish
2267
01:54:52.800 --> 01:54:55.300
 Council six in Cambria and five in
2268
01:54:55.300 --> 01:54:58.100
 Suffolk. The effect of this development would be felt by
2269
01:54:58.100 --> 01:55:00.700
 communities across the Cambridge Suffolk border.
2270
01:55:01.700 --> 01:55:05.000
Our concerns raised in July 2021
2271
01:55:04.200 --> 01:55:07.200
with the Secretary of State for business energy and
2272
01:55:07.200 --> 01:55:10.500
 Industrial strategy consisted of the size and
2273
01:55:10.500 --> 01:55:13.900
 scale of this proposal on agricultural Farmland
2274
01:55:13.900 --> 01:55:17.000
 the effect of covid restrictions then enforce
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01:55:16.800 --> 01:55:19.400
 on opportunities for public engagement with
2276
01:55:19.400 --> 01:55:22.600
 the consultation and the exclusion of some residents
2277
01:55:22.600 --> 01:55:25.800
 from the initial round of consultations and the
2278
01:55:25.800 --> 01:55:28.600
 impact of the proposals on Rural communities
2279
01:55:28.600 --> 01:55:31.600
 Cambridge County Council declared
2280
01:55:31.600 --> 01:55:33.500
 a climate emergency in 2019.
2281
01:55:34.700 --> 01:55:37.400
And earlier this year the council's jointed Administration
2282
01:55:37.400 --> 01:55:40.900
 refreshed its climate change and environment strategy
2283
01:55:40.900 --> 01:55:43.500
 the council recognizes the
2284
01:55:43.500 --> 01:55:46.800
 need to increase the country's energy security to reduce
2285
01:55:46.800 \longrightarrow 01:55:49.500
 dependence on fossil fuels and to
2286
01:55:49.500 --> 01:55:52.200
 develop clean energy at PACE and at scale.
2287
01:55:52.200 --> 01:55:55.500
 However, the council does not purport support this
2288
01:55:55.500 --> 01:55:58.700
 proposal as it currently stands. The applicant is
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2289
01:55:58.700 --> 01:56:01.600
 so far failed to demonstrate that the proposals are deliverable
2290
01:56:01.600 --> 01:56:05.600
 or the proposed mitigation sufficient council
2291
01:56:04.600 \longrightarrow 01:56:07.400
 is also recognized the need
2292
01:56:07.400 --> 01:56:10.100
 to increase the country's food security and that there are
2293
01:56:10.100 --> 01:56:13.200
 competing potential and uses for limited land
2294
01:56:13.200 --> 01:56:16.700
 resource. That's why we are supporting the food farming
2295
01:56:16.700 --> 01:56:19.400
 and Countryside Commission in its pilot work
2296
01:56:19.400 --> 01:56:21.700
 in Cambridge on a land use framework.
2297
01:56:22.800 --> 01:56:25.800
Cambridge is part of a vital agricultural region
2298
01:56:25.800 --> 01:56:28.300
with its excellent soil making it an important
2299
01:56:28.300 --> 01:56:31.300
 location for a wide variety of crop and
2300
01:56:31.300 --> 01:56:32.400
 Horticultural production.
2301
01:56:33.500 --> 01:56:36.700
We therefore remain concerned that the agricultural Baseline
2302
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01:56:36.700 --> 01:56:39.800
 report appears inconsistent with local knowledge and
2303
01:56:39.800 --> 01:56:42.400
 evidence about the quality of land within the
2304
01:56:42.400 --> 01:56:46.200
 application boundary. The agricultural specialist employed
2305
01:56:45.200 --> 01:56:48.600
 by the Action Group who have submitted their
2306
01:56:48.600 --> 01:56:51.500
 own representations to review. The report is
2307
01:56:51.500 --> 01:56:55.100
 one used by the council whose work the council therefore finds
2308
01:56:54.100 --> 01:56:55.400
 credible.
2309
01:56:56.500 --> 01:56:59.500
We are concerned the adequacy of the existing assessment
2310
01:56:59.500 --> 01:57:02.700
 of best and most versatile agricultural land
2311
01:57:02.700 --> 01:57:05.500
 supplied by the applicant. We therefore welcome
2312
01:57:05.500 --> 01:57:08.000
 the fact that this is to be discussed as part of the
2313
01:57:08.700 --> 01:57:10.700
 issue specific hearing on Thursday this week.
2314
01:57:11.900 --> 01:57:14.500
We note that grade three soils in Cambridge can produce
2315
01:57:14.500 --> 01:57:17.400
 a greater range and yield of crops than grade three soils
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2316
01:57:17.400 --> 01:57:20.200
 in other areas of the country albeit using
2317
01:57:20.200 --> 01:57:23.600
 irrigation. We believe that the loss of land capable of
2318
01:57:23.600 \longrightarrow 01:57:26.700
 food production and the productivity of the soils is
2319
01:57:26.700 --> 01:57:28.700
 less well documented in this application.
2320
01:57:30.500 --> 01:57:33.500
Cambridge is one of the least biodiverse counties in
2321
01:57:33.500 --> 01:57:36.600
 the country and the protection of the areas ecology and
2322
01:57:36.600 --> 01:57:39.100
 habitats is therefore extremely important to us
2323
01:57:39.100 --> 01:57:43.000
 and important to many residents who you've heard from tonight. Not
2324
01:57:42.300 --> 01:57:45.300
 only about the environmental benefits in
2325
01:57:45.300 --> 01:57:48.500
 themselves, but the health and well-being benefits that
2326
01:57:48.500 --> 01:57:49.100
they provide
2327
01:57:50.200 --> 01:57:53.300
the environmental statement provides inadequate detail in
2328
01:57:53.300 --> 01:57:56.400
 its assessments to determine if the mitigation measures
2329
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01:57:56.400 --> 01:57:59.500
 proposed for this project a sufficient and more evidence
2330
01:57:59.500 --> 01:58:02.400
 is needed to demonstrate the biodiversity Net
2331
01:58:02.400 --> 01:58:05.300
 game. It's essential that this is addressed prior to
2332
01:58:05.300 --> 01:58:08.400
 decision. Otherwise the consented development is likely
2333
01:58:08.400 --> 01:58:11.400
to result in avoidable ecological impacts.
2334
01:58:12.500 --> 01:58:15.700
The council is concerned that the impact of battery energy storage
2335
01:58:15.700 --> 01:58:18.700
 system fire safety measures on water courses and
2336
01:58:18.700 --> 01:58:21.600
 hydrologically linked Wildlife sites Wetland
2337
01:58:21.600 --> 01:58:24.400
habitats and associated species has not been
2338
01:58:24.400 --> 01:58:28.000
 adequately assessed the construction environment management
2339
01:58:27.600 \longrightarrow 01:58:30.900
 plan does not provide sufficient details to
2340
01:58:30.900 --> 01:58:33.100
 demonstrate that biodiversity will be
2341
01:58:33.100 --> 01:58:35.600
 adequately mitigated through the construction phase.
2342
01:58:36.800 --> 01:58:39.900
And the decommissioning environment management plan provides
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2343
01:58:39.900 --> 01:58:42.700
 insufficient details of the decommissioning phase to
2344
01:58:42.700 --> 01:58:46.600
 determine whether the scheme will result in long-term adverse
2345
01:58:45.600 --> 01:58:49.200
 impact on biodiversity. The
2346
01:58:48.200 --> 01:58:51.800
 council is concerned that no long-term management
2347
01:58:51.800 --> 01:58:55.300
 or monitoring for these habitats or compensatory
2348
01:58:54.300 --> 01:58:58.100
 habitat or reinstatement of original habitats
2349
01:58:57.100 --> 01:59:00.900
 is created as part of the decommissioning phase.
2350
01:59:02.200 --> 01:59:05.300
The local Highway Network in the application area consists as
2351
01:59:05.300 --> 01:59:08.800
we've heard of rural roads many narrow with poor
2352
01:59:08.800 --> 01:59:11.400
 surface quality and subject to the National speed limit
2353
01:59:11.400 --> 01:59:14.500
 construction and decommissioning will have significant
2354
01:59:14.500 --> 01:59:17.200
 effects and sufficient mitigation to ensure
2355
01:59:17.200 --> 01:59:20.800
highway safety is needed in agreement with the local Highway
Authority
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2356
01:59:20.800 --> 01:59:21.800
the County Council.
2357
01:59:22.700 --> 01:59:25.300
Given the size and impact of this scheme.
01:59:25.300 --> 01:59:28.800
We're disappointed that opportunities to enhance public rights
2359
01:59:28.800 --> 01:59:31.200
 of way have not been realized the creation of
2360
01:59:31.200 --> 01:59:35.200
 permanent new rights of way would deliver not only connectivity but
2361
01:59:34.200 --> 01:59:37.400
 also long-term health and well-being
2362
01:59:37.400 --> 01:59:38.500
 benefits to the community.
2363
01:59:40.100 --> 01:59:43.500
The council is also raised concerns about Visual and noise impacts
2364
01:59:43.500 --> 01:59:46.700
 of aspects of the scheme on users of public rights
2365
01:59:46.700 --> 01:59:48.200
 of way, including equestrians.
2366
01:59:49.400 --> 01:59:52.200
A number of archaeological interests and
2367
01:59:52.200 --> 01:59:55.400
mitigation areas have been assigned and we need details of how
2368
01:59:55.400 --> 01:59:58.100
they are to be managed to ensure suitable protection over the
2369
01:59:58.100 --> 01:59:59.400
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40 Years of the scheme.
2370
02:00:00.400 --> 02:00:03.600
We've expressed significant concerns about the proposed
2371
02:00:03.600 --> 02:00:06.400
 construction timescales particularly in areas of
2372
02:00:06.400 --> 02:00:09.700
 the site which are yet to be fully archaeologically investigated.
2373
02:00:10.600 --> 02:00:13.300
And finally the County Council as the lead local flood
2374
02:00:13.300 --> 02:00:16.200
 Authority will want to see more detail of the
2375
02:00:16.200 --> 02:00:19.800
 proposed sustainable Drainage Systems features. I'm grateful
2376
02:00:19.800 --> 02:00:23.000
 for the opportunity to raise our very significant concerns with
2377
02:00:22.100 --> 02:00:25.100
 the examining Authority tonight. Thank you.
2378
02:00:30.700 --> 02:00:32.000
Thank you very much councilor.
2379
02:00:32.800 --> 02:00:35.500
Now that brings me
2380
02:00:35.500 --> 02:00:38.300
 I think to the end of the list of
2381
02:00:38.300 --> 02:00:38.900
 speakers.
2382
02:00:39.900 --> 02:00:41.900
Who have registered to speak?
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2383
02:00:42.800 --> 02:00:46.300
So what I'll
2384
02:00:46.300 --> 02:00:50.700
 do now is go to the applicant.
2385
02:00:53.200 --> 02:00:56.800
I think is Mr. Griffiths in the is good
2386
02:00:56.800 --> 02:00:57.200
 evening, Mr.
2387
02:00:59.900 --> 02:01:03.200
And your your hair this
2388
02:01:03.200 --> 02:01:07.300
 evening representing the applicant. So it's
2389
02:01:06.300 --> 02:01:10.000
 usual to give the
2390
02:01:09.700 --> 02:01:14.800
 applicant the opportunity to respond if
2391
02:01:12.800 --> 02:01:15.200
 they wish
2392
02:01:15.200 --> 02:01:19.400
 at this particular stage and/or to
2393
02:01:18.400 --> 02:01:21.600
 respond later in
2394
02:01:21.600 --> 02:01:25.300
post hearing submissions. So I'll
2395
02:01:24.300 --> 02:01:28.300
 just hand over to you Mr. Griffith. Thank
2396
02:01:27.300 --> 02:01:30.300
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you. You have you have 10 minutes?
2397
02:01:30.300 --> 02:01:33.800
 Thank you, sir. And first of all, can I thank everyone
2398
02:01:33.800 --> 02:01:36.700
who has attended this evening's open
2399
02:01:36.700 --> 02:01:39.800
 for hearing many of the issues raised
2400
02:01:39.800 --> 02:01:43.000
 this evening have been raised already in relevant
2401
02:01:42.800 --> 02:01:46.600
 representations and written representations to
2402
02:01:45.600 --> 02:01:49.100
which the applicant has already responded at deadline
2403
02:01:48.100 --> 02:01:50.800
 one or deadline to
2404
02:01:51.900 --> 02:01:54.400
Whether any new issues raised which we've
02:01:54.400 --> 02:01:57.400
 taken a note of and will consider those then
2406
02:01:57.400 --> 02:02:00.800
we'll respond either at deadline for or on receipt
2407
02:02:00.800 --> 02:02:04.100
 of any written summaries of tonight's all submissions at
2408
02:02:03.100 --> 02:02:05.100
 deadline five.
2409
02:02:06.100 --> 02:02:09.400
Now many of the topics raised this evening will
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2410
02:02:09.400 --> 02:02:13.200
be the subject of issue specific hearings during
2411
02:02:12.200 --> 02:02:15.600
 the course of this week. And that's where those topics
2412
02:02:15.600 --> 02:02:19.600
 can be explored in more detail with the applicants consultant
2413
02:02:18.600 --> 02:02:21.300
team, but I would just like
2414
02:02:21.300 --> 02:02:24.700
to address a few themes if I may in
2415
02:02:24.700 --> 02:02:27.000
 in for the benefit of
2416
02:02:27.300 --> 02:02:31.200
 those who may not be attending those hearings. The
2417
02:02:30.200 --> 02:02:33.200
 first one I want to stress the First theme is need
2418
02:02:33.200 --> 02:02:34.400
 and size of the scheme.
2419
02:02:35.800 --> 02:02:38.200
The UK does have a legal commitment to of course
2420
02:02:38.200 --> 02:02:41.900
 achieve Net Zero by 2050 and the decarbonization
2421
02:02:41.900 --> 02:02:44.600
of the UK electricity generation
2422
02:02:44.600 --> 02:02:47.700
 system is an essential step to make that
2423
02:02:47.700 --> 02:02:50.600
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achievement and the need case for this scheme is
2424
02:02:50.600 --> 02:02:53.300
built upon the contribution that the scheme
2425
02:02:53.300 --> 02:02:56.800
being a renewable energy scheme will meet
2426
02:02:56.800 --> 02:02:59.900
will help the government meet the three important National policy
2427
02:02:59.900 --> 02:03:02.200
aims of NetZero, which is
2428
02:03:02.200 --> 02:03:06.000
deploying zero carbon generation assets at scale security
2429
02:03:05.500 --> 02:03:09.100
of supply and affordability of electrical
2430
02:03:08.100 --> 02:03:11.100
supplies. Now, the applicant does agree
2431
02:03:11.100 --> 02:03:14.200
with comments that have been made either tonight or in
2432
02:03:14.200 --> 02:03:17.900
 representations that solo should be located on rooftops.
2433
02:03:17.900 --> 02:03:20.300
However, the statement of need prepared by
2434
02:03:20.300 --> 02:03:23.900
the applicant explains why large-scale ground
2435
02:03:23.900 --> 02:03:26.600
solar such the scheme needed in addition
2436
02:03:26.600 --> 02:03:29.500
to smaller schemes and
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2437
02:03:29.500 --> 02:03:32.200
the government in the draft National policy statement to
2438
02:03:32.200 --> 02:03:35.700
 en one explains that smaller schemes.
2439
02:03:35.800 --> 02:03:38.300
On the alone are not enough to meet the commitment
2440
02:03:38.300 --> 02:03:41.500
 to net internet zero so larger schemes
2441
02:03:41.500 --> 02:03:43.000
 are required to meet that.
2442
02:03:43.900 --> 02:03:46.600
In terms of loss of our cultural land and the
2443
02:03:46.600 --> 02:03:49.400
 criticisms of the applicant's alc survey and
2444
02:03:49.400 --> 02:03:52.600
 food security as supported in the application over
2445
02:03:52.600 --> 02:03:55.400
 96% of land within
2446
02:03:55.400 --> 02:04:00.100
 the sites is classified as great 3b4 or
2447
02:03:59.100 --> 02:04:02.300
 not in agricultural. Use that is
2448
02:04:02.300 --> 02:04:04.800
 classed that is classed as lower.
2449
02:04:06.600 --> 02:04:08.100
Thank you very much everybody.
2450
02:04:09.100 --> 02:04:09.400
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Thank you.
2451
02:04:11.500 --> 02:04:14.400
That's it. Thank you sir. That is class is lower quality land that's
not
2452
02:04:14.400 --> 02:04:16.100
 classified as BMB.
2453
02:04:16.900 --> 02:04:19.300
Now the alc assessment has been criticized by
2454
02:04:19.300 --> 02:04:22.900
 a third parties It's
2455
02:04:22.900 --> 02:04:26.600
 a combination of survey work by three organizations the
2456
02:04:26.600 --> 02:04:29.600
 results of those three separate server surveying organizations
2457
02:04:29.600 --> 02:04:32.900
 are consistent in the findings that
2458
02:04:32.900 --> 02:04:35.600
 are submitted and before the examining Authority and
2459
02:04:35.600 --> 02:04:38.900
 all three survey providers use the current ALC methodology.
2460
02:04:39.800 \longrightarrow 02:04:42.200
And our own soul consultant is
2461
02:04:42.200 --> 02:04:46.300
 an experienced soil surveyor of over 30 years experience
2462
02:04:45.300 --> 02:04:49.500
 in terms of food security Tempe
2463
02:04:48.500 --> 02:04:51.400
 use of land renewable energy with
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2464
02:04:51.400 --> 02:04:54.600
 livestock gracing would not have a significant impact on
2465
02:04:54.600 --> 02:04:57.700
 UK food security the
2466
02:04:57.700 --> 02:05:00.700
 defra 2021 food security report highlights
2467
02:05:00.700 --> 02:05:03.300
that saw degradation and
2468
02:05:03.300 --> 02:05:07.100
 climate change to be among the most significant threats to
2469
02:05:06.100 --> 02:05:08.000
 national food security.
2470
02:05:09.100 --> 02:05:12.600
And so as well as dressing climates gets climate to change the
2471
02:05:12.600 --> 02:05:15.900
 version of Our Land by the 40 year decommissioning
2472
02:05:15.900 --> 02:05:19.000
 requirements will therefore help the soil to recover
2473
02:05:18.300 --> 02:05:19.600
 over time.
2474
02:05:20.600 --> 02:05:24.100
And the third theme are there was raised tonight noted
2475
02:05:23.100 --> 02:05:26.400
 is battery storage the need and fire
2476
02:05:26.400 --> 02:05:26.700
 risk.
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02:05:28.200 --> 02:05:31.400
When the sun shines of course cannot be controlled and nor
2478
02:05:31.400 --> 02:05:34.300
 can solar power stations control when the energy is needed
2479
02:05:34.300 --> 02:05:37.200
 in the country. So as such
2480
02:05:37.200 --> 02:05:40.600
 a battery energy storage system helps ensure the
2481
02:05:40.600 --> 02:05:44.600
 energy generated by soda scheme is not lost and
2482
02:05:43.600 --> 02:05:47.300
 that would help accelerate the UK decarbonization
2483
02:05:46.300 --> 02:05:49.700
 program and
2484
02:05:49.700 --> 02:05:52.400
 therefore ultimately maximizing a solar scheme
2485
02:05:52.400 --> 02:05:55.300
 now the best we're not to be constructed in isolation. It
2486
02:05:55.300 --> 02:05:58.800
 will be linked to the soda scheme and that's will be a requirement
2487
02:05:58.800 \longrightarrow 02:06:02.200
 in the development consent order that we
2488
02:06:01.200 --> 02:06:02.900
 will be submitting.
2489
02:06:03.700 --> 02:06:06.400
And guarding safety that will be considered
2490
02:06:06.400 --> 02:06:10.000
 in detail on Thursday. I'm not a safety experts
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2491
02:06:09.200 --> 02:06:12.800
 and we'll have our experts there on Thursday for that
2492
02:06:12.800 --> 02:06:15.600
 hearing but as evidenced by the applicants and
2493
02:06:15.600 \longrightarrow 02:06:18.400
 the mitigation proposed by the applicant the risk
2494
02:06:18.400 --> 02:06:21.200
 has been reduced to as low as is
2495
02:06:21.200 --> 02:06:24.500
 reasonably practical and the safety measures proposed
2496
02:06:24.500 --> 02:06:28.100
 for the best have been outlined in the updated outline battery
2497
02:06:27.100 --> 02:06:30.600
 far Safety Management plan. There's been
2498
02:06:30.600 --> 02:06:33.500
 agreed and discussed with the fire
2499
02:06:33.500 --> 02:06:34.600
 and Rescue Services.
2500
02:06:35.400 --> 02:06:40.200
Now in terms of design and industrialization the
2501
02:06:38.200 --> 02:06:41.300
 scheme is evolved over
2502
02:06:41.300 --> 02:06:44.800
 six year period from 2015-16 through
2503
02:06:44.800 --> 02:06:48.100
 to its submission today and that's been informed by consultation
and
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2504
02:06:47.100 --> 02:06:50.400
 responses and various Baseline studies
2505
02:06:50.400 --> 02:06:53.900
 and the changes that have happened have risen out
2506
02:06:53.900 --> 02:06:56.400
 of landscape impacts and US listening
2507
02:06:56.400 --> 02:06:59.500
to people visual effects and impacts on Heritage
2508
02:06:59.500 --> 02:07:01.200
 ecology in archeology.
2509
02:07:02.200 --> 02:07:05.400
And that's how the schemas have come to its
2510
02:07:05.400 --> 02:07:08.200
 current design. There was reference made by this being a
2511
02:07:08.200 --> 02:07:11.300
 unique scheme in that it is split whilst that
2512
02:07:11.300 --> 02:07:13.100
 might be the case against consented.
2513
02:07:13.700 --> 02:07:16.500
Solar ensips, there are indeed solar schemes that
2514
02:07:16.500 --> 02:07:19.500
 are out to consultation that mirror a similar
2515
02:07:19.500 --> 02:07:23.000
design of split sites. So it one
2516
02:07:22.100 --> 02:07:25.400
 example would be the cosm solar project by island
2517
02:07:25.400 --> 02:07:28.400
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green power that's in the public domain. So
2518
02:07:28.400 --> 02:07:32.100
 it's not right to call it unique. I would
02:07:32.100 --> 02:07:35.200
 also add that the scheme primarily comprises solar PV, which has a
2520
02:07:35.200 --> 02:07:38.300
 maximum height of two and half meters above ground
2521
02:07:38.300 --> 02:07:42.000
 level and with the mature vegetation around that the
2522
02:07:41.500 --> 02:07:45.800
 application considers that there will that visual
2523
02:07:44.800 --> 02:07:47.300
 connections between the settlements will
2524
02:07:47.300 --> 02:07:50.100
be limited. In addition to the design. There is
2525
02:07:50.100 --> 02:07:53.900
 a green infrastructure proposal, which is actually 30%
2526
02:07:53.900 --> 02:07:56.400
 of the scheme itself. So when we talk about the size
2527
02:07:56.400 --> 02:08:01.200
 of the scheme 30% of the scheme is green infrastructure
2528
02:08:00.200 --> 02:08:03.200
 and that be includes a
2529
02:08:03.200 --> 02:08:06.300
 substantial offsets and to enhance some
2530
02:08:06.300 --> 02:08:08.700
 of the existing landscape vegetation.
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2531
02:08:10.700 --> 02:08:13.400
Um, in terms of biodiversity net gain that
2532
02:08:13.400 --> 02:08:16.300
was also mentioned the scheme in its current
2533
02:08:16.300 --> 02:08:20.400
 form will result in approximately 83% gain
2534
02:08:19.400 --> 02:08:22.700
 of habitat units 16% gain
2535
02:08:22.700 --> 02:08:25.700
 in hedgerows and 1% in rivers.
2536
02:08:25.700 --> 02:08:28.600
 And as you receive our representations, there'd
2537
02:08:28.600 --> 02:08:32.300
 be a further update to that metric to that calculation
2538
02:08:31.300 --> 02:08:34.500
 using the latest 3.1 metric
2539
02:08:34.500 --> 02:08:38.100
 by defra on construction reference
2540
02:08:37.100 --> 02:08:40.400
was made to I think a four year construction time frame,
2541
02:08:40.400 --> 02:08:43.500
 that's not correct. It's a maximum two year time frame with
2542
02:08:43.500 --> 02:08:47.400
 the mitigation secured via the framework construction
2543
02:08:47.400 --> 02:08:51.300
 Environmental Management plan and the construction traffic
management plan.
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02:08:52.600 --> 02:08:55.500
There's reference to Us closing public rights
2545
02:08:55.500 --> 02:08:58.600
 of way and health which we of course take very seriously. We're
2546
02:08:58.600 --> 02:09:01.200
not closing permanently any public rights way
2547
02:09:01.200 --> 02:09:04.400
 public rights way will only be temporarily closed. There
2548
02:09:04.400 --> 02:09:07.900
 are eight in total and as set out in the application, they will
2549
02:09:07.900 --> 02:09:10.300
 not be closed all together. They'll be a rolling
2550
02:09:10.300 --> 02:09:13.600
 program as the cable is constructed and it is envisages the
2551
02:09:13.600 --> 02:09:16.400
 maximum length of time for those public rights free to be
2552
02:09:16.400 --> 02:09:17.800
 closed to be a maximum of three weeks.
2553
02:09:18.700 --> 02:09:21.200
In addition, I went
2554
02:09:21.200 \longrightarrow 02:09:24.300
 condition where we're creating three permissive routes
2555
02:09:24.300 --> 02:09:28.400
 on the land. We're not creating public rights
2556
02:09:27.400 --> 02:09:30.500
ways. The land is being handed back after 40 years
2557
02:09:30.500 --> 02:09:34.400
 and for the landowner, we can't deliver
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2558
02:09:33.400 --> 02:09:36.600
 that in accordance with those landowner agreements,
2559
02:09:36.600 --> 02:09:39.600
 but three permissive routes would be secured and that secured
2560
02:09:39.600 \longrightarrow 02:09:42.500
 in the development center order and they are quiet onto
2561
02:09:42.500 --> 02:09:45.300
 that order to be open for the whole year apart from
2562
02:09:45.300 --> 02:09:47.300
 one day, of course because it's a permissive route.
2563
02:09:48.700 --> 02:09:51.300
And then finally on decommissioning another theme that
2564
02:09:51.300 --> 02:09:54.400
was mentioned there will be there is in already a
2565
02:09:54.400 --> 02:09:57.400
 framework decommissioning Environmental Management
2566
02:09:57.400 --> 02:10:00.500
 plan that requires the scheme
2567
02:10:00.500 --> 02:10:05.100
 to be decommissioned after 40 years is in
2568
02:10:04.100 --> 02:10:07.000
 draft form because obviously it needs to be
2569
02:10:07.400 --> 02:10:11.000
 updated near the time with new technology enhancements
2570
02:10:10.200 --> 02:10:13.500
how recycling might take place at the
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02:10:13.500 --> 02:10:16.500
decommissioning time that will be submitted an
2572
02:10:16.500 --> 02:10:19.300
approved by the relevant planning authority to includes things like
soil management
2573
02:10:19.300 --> 02:10:22.600
ecological and Landscape elements
2574
02:10:22.600 --> 02:10:25.300
and then upon that decommissioning. The land will be
2575
02:10:25.300 --> 02:10:28.600
returned to the land owner who were then decide how to take their
land
2576
02:10:28.600 --> 02:10:28.900
forward.
2577
02:10:29.600 --> 02:10:32.300
If you don't say could just not comply with that to
2578
02:10:32.300 --> 02:10:35.000
 requirements. There are enforcement procedures in the
2579
02:10:35.400 --> 02:10:38.800
development center order, which is a criminal effects. So as a
criminality attached
2580
02:10:38.800 --> 02:10:41.600
to this Development Center or it's not a planning permission in
2581
02:10:41.600 --> 02:10:44.400
the usual sense. It is a statutory instrument that if
2582
02:10:44.400 --> 02:10:48.500
you breach it, it gives rise to criminal liability just wind
2583
02:10:48.500 --> 02:10:51.000
up then please sorry about a minute. Thank you.
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2584
02:10:51.200 --> 02:10:54.500
 So just and and that's open for Relevant planning authorities
2585
02:10:54.500 --> 02:10:57.900
to to end Force. So thank
2586
02:10:57.900 --> 02:11:00.500
 you for that time constraint. And
2587
02:11:00.500 --> 02:11:03.900
 those are the main themes. I wanted to cover and of
2588
02:11:03.900 --> 02:11:06.500
 course, we'll revisit the list that we've noted
2589
02:11:06.500 --> 02:11:09.900
 down from tonight and we'll respond as
2590
02:11:09.900 --> 02:11:12.800
 I say D4 and or D5 if further
2591
02:11:12.800 --> 02:11:15.400
 if written submissions have their parties or
2592
02:11:15.400 --> 02:11:18.600
 summers are issued on the 16th December. Thank
2593
02:11:18.600 --> 02:11:21.500
you very much Mr. Griffiths. That is
2594
02:11:21.500 --> 02:11:21.900
helpful.
2595
02:11:23.100 --> 02:11:26.400
As indeed are all of the contributions that have
2596
02:11:26.400 --> 02:11:29.700
been made this evening, and I'd just like to thank everybody for
2597
02:11:29.700 --> 02:11:34.500
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attending a reminder that any written
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2598
02:11:33.500 --> 02:11:37.500
 follower should be done by Friday
2599
02:11:37.500 --> 02:11:42.100
 the 16th of December. So time
2600
02:11:41.100 --> 02:11:42.400
 is now
2601
02:11:44.300 --> 02:11:47.700
Just on quarter past 9 and this open
2602
02:11:47.700 --> 02:11:51.200
floor hearing for Seneca application is
2603
02:11:51.200 --> 02:11:52.700
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closed. Thank you very much everyone.