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Subject: Re: SADEP - Accompanied Site Inspection 1 Jan. 19th 2023 - for the attention of Louise Harraway
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Attachments: [Fujiner - 01.06.21 Objection letter Nichols and Hunter re FNI010109 FNF1 SFP and DFP.pdf](#)
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Louise

It was good to meet you yesterday at the Weybourne Woods ASI. Thank you for taking the time to make the site visit and we hope it was helpful in visualising this part of the route.

Following your conversation with Mrs Tansley, I am taking the opportunity to follow up with you directly in respect of the proposed Horizontal Directional Drilling Compound and cable corridor route through Weybourne Woods.

I would like to stress that we are not against additional wind farm developments but believe that the on-shore connectivity aspect needs to be considered in the context of multiple wind farm developments and not on a case by case basis. Bringing the electricity grid closer to the wind farms with designated connector locations would eliminate the need for an increasing "spaghetti" of on-shore cable routes and the related cost and disruption that we currently face each time. We expect this challenge of routing on-shore cables to be repeated multiple times over the coming years with each one being treated as stand-alone which only benefits the consultants and advisors.

You may well already be aware of the objections that we made in June 2021 (which were cc'd to the Planning Inspectorate). Some of the points made in the letter are no longer applicable but a copy is attached for your information. We have never received an answer to the question we raised about sharing existing onshore cable corridor infrastructure (see para. 1.6 in attached letter)

Regarding the proposed Horizontal Directional Drilling Compound in Weybourne Woods, we hope that the planning inspectorate will consider the following points after the ASI today:

- 1) Can existing cable corridors be used instead of carving out a new corridor? (see attached June 2021 letter)?
- 2) Why is the proposed on-shore cable corridor route as proposed through this section and are there simpler, perhaps slightly longer, routes to the east (further away from residential areas and less destructive to wildlife habitats using existing trails and fire-breaks) that should be considered instead? I am taking the liberty of attaching a screen shot from Google Earth illustrating possible alternative routes. You have seen one badger set near the proposed compound but the area is home to others and to a variety of wildlife including tawny owls, kites (nesting by our house within the corridor route), a wide variety of bats, deer (roe as well as muntjac), fox and otter. You will already be aware that relatively unspoilt wildlife habitats like this are increasingly rare and we hope you will understand our wish to limit disturbance and destruction as far as possible.
- 3) Disruption, noise, disturbance - we have not been informed of the construction details of the proposed compound but assume that access roads will have to be built and all the trees in the proposed compound area and lining the track we turned on to leading to the proposed compound will be removed (not just those with Forestry orange dots) to allow access for machinery and drilling rigs. The disruption to residents and the destruction to habitats and wildlife will be significant. There are alternative tracks and fire-break corridors that would seem to offer less disruptive routes (see attached screen shot referred to above).

In summary, and to avoid coming across as a total "NIMBY", we hope that the Planning Inspectorate will challenge the proposed corridor route between the on-shore landing point and Bodham to be further away from residential areas and that habitat destruction and disturbance can be avoided in this particular Weybourne Woods section. In an ideal world, we would like the Planning Inspectorate to put the proposed development on hold until the wider issue of national grid connectivity is addressed (e.g. through an offshore "ring main" or designated connection points that would eliminate case by case cable corridor planning applications).

Kind regards
Keith Nichols

CC: Mr & Mrs Tansley

