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Good evening and welcome. It is now 7:01 p.m. and I'm starting the second open floor hearing for the application made by Equinor Limited for Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Wind Farm Extension projects. We will introduce ourselves fully in just a few minutes. But before we do that, please bear with me while I deal with a few housekeeping matters. Can everyone hear me right at the back of the room? Thank you. And could you please confirm that the meeting, recording and live streams have started? Thank you.

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Um, were there any requests for reasonable adjustments? No. Thank you very much. There are no fire alarm drills this evening, so any alarm should be treated as real. The assembly point is just outside the front of the Britten building on Chapel lawn as per notices. Please do not re-enter the building until you're told it is safe to do so. Toilets are down the corridor to the right after you enter the building. Okay, on to introductions. I'm Mr.. Hi. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State for levelling up housing and communities as the lead member of the examining authority to carry out an examination of the above application.

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I'll hand over to other members of the examining authority, Mr. McArthur.

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Good evening, Mr. McArthur. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State as a member of this examining authority.

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Hi. Good evening. I'm Mr. Manning, and I've also been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of the examining and authority.

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Good evening, Mr. Wallace. And I've also been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of this examining authority.

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Good evening, Mr. Ranney, appointed by the Secretary State as a member of this examining authority.

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Thank you. I can confirm that all examining authority members have made a declaration of interest responding to the planning inspector's call, conflict of interest policy, and none of us have declared interests in in relation to this appointment.

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Also present today are members of the case team. Case manager is Miss Louise Haraway and Miss Haraway, supported by Mr. Tom Bennett here at the venue. If you have any questions or concerns

about today's event, please contact a member of the case team. The audiovisual service today is provided by a team led by Mr. Stuart Avis. So that's the team on our end. Turning to attendees today. Uh, I want to acknowledge and welcome those who are watching the live stream. Welcome and thank you for joining us. Um, I would like to start with introductions from attendees.

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Um, the attendance list has changed fairly, um, over the last few days. So bear with me if I get the attendance wrong, but, um, when you introduce yourselves, please confirm if it is your intention to speak today. Um, um, and if you have, if you have, if you have previously registered and if it is your intention to speak today. So my running order is going to be Barford and Rampling and Parish Council, Corpus and Parish Council, Causton Parish Council.

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Oulton Parish Council may not be in attendance.

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Um, Woburn Parish Council who are being represented by somebody else By Miss Allison Shaw. Norfolk Parishes Movement for an offshore transmission network bid Wells Ardent Mr. Clive Highsmith, Mr. Aldous and Miss Allison Shaw.

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I have two further attendees today who are not interested parties but have registered in advance, and the examining authority has used its discretion to welcome them to the open floor hearing this evening. Mr. Ray Pierce and Ms.. Jackson Rogers.

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If I miss anyone, I will give you an opportunity at the end to introduce yourself. So if I could just start with introductions from Barford and Rampling and Parish Council, please.

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Okay. Thank you, Mrs. Betts. Noted.

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Okay. Um, moving on to Corpus and Parish Council.

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Thank you, Mr. Barnett. Causton Parish Council.

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Good evening. I'm Chris Monk from Colston Parish Council.

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Hello, Mr. Monk, and thank you. Um,

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Mr. Shaw, are you representing Alton Parish Council?

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So you will be representing Alton Parish Council and also. And also reading a statement from Waveney Parish Council.

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Understood.

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Understood. Okay.

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Okay.

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Okay. All right. Um, so that covers we've and parish council.

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Then we've got Norfolk Parishes movement. Mrs. Betts, you've already. Sorry. Um.

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I'm Jonathan Betts. I'm representing the Norfolk Parishes movement for an offshore transmission network, and I would like to make a statement this evening, please.

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In addition to the statement from Mrs. Betts. Okay.

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Yes, please.

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Um. Bit wells.

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Not it. Okay. Sorry. Okay. Ardent.

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No. Okay.

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Uh, Mr. Clive Highsmith.

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From Ardent as on his way back to Ken. So okay am coming tonight by poor Middleton who's my fellow farmer and interested party and registered interested.

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And are you both intending to speak today?

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Okay. Thank you. All right.

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Mr. Middleton. Well, would you like to just introduce yourself?

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But.

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Thank you. Thank you. Okay. Mr. Aldous.

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Probably put in a written submission rather than take up your time this evening.

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Thank you, Mr. Aldous.

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Um.

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And Miss Allison. Sure. You've already introduced yourself. Can I take introductions from Mr. Ray Pierce?

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Next.

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Good evening, Ray Pearce. Just a private citizen who has an interest in all of the wind farms which are affecting the area but won't be speaking tonight.

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You won't be speaking tonight. Thank you. Thank you.

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And Miss Jackson's Rogers.

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I live in Olton. Um, I'm just generally interested, partly because I live very near the river where you will be crossing. With one of the pipelines.

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Okay.

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I'm not taking introductions from the applicant as they are present as observers only tonight. But in apart from that, have I missed anyone who is in attendance?

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Okay. I see. Mr. Monk, you've got your hand up. Um, was there anything you wish to say?

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Thank you. Yeah, I just wanted to say that, um. I can hear the panel here remotely, but only, only Mr. Betts, of the people that spoke from the floor came through on the audio. Okay. So didn't hear anything that anybody said.

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Mr. Monk, I think that.

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Might be because it was a roving microphone at the back. So Mr. Betts was speaking into the microphone, which you picked up. But everyone else who makes a representation will actually come up and speak into a microphone. So if you still not able to hear the representations, then raise your hand and we'll do something about it. But I think it will be fine.

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Thank you.

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Okay. And are you intending to speak today, Mr. Monk?

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Yes. Am, if I may.

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Yeah. Okay.

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Okay. So that's.

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All right. I will move on to agenda.

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Item two, where will set out the procedure for running the hearing today? Just a few words to acknowledge the format of the event today. This is a blended event. It allows attendance both in person and virtually through Microsoft teams. It is expected that both blended and fully virtual events will form part of the planning Inspectorate's future operating model. The examining authority are attending this meeting from Holt, as are several of the attendees. For those attending virtually, please be rest assured that you have a full attention, even if you're not looking directly into the camera.

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To avoid visual and noise distractions. Please keep your cameras and microphones off unless we invite you to speak. Um. I would like to make you all aware that this event is being both live streamed and recorded. The digital recordings that we make are retained and published. They form a public record that can contain your personal information and to which general data protection or GDPR applies. The planning inspector's practice is to retain and publish recordings for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order.

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Consequently, if you participate in today's open floor hearing, it's important that you understand that you will be recorded and that you therefore consent to the retention and publication of the digital recording. It's very unlikely that the examining authority will ask you to put sensitive personal information into the public domain, and in fact, we encourage you not to do that. However, if for some reason you feel that it is necessary for you to refer to personal sensitive information, we would encourage you to speak to the case team.

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In the first instance. We would then explore with you whether the information could be provided in a written.

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Format, which may then be redacted before it's published.

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Um, this is the second open floor hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for parties to put their views forward verbally to the examining authority in line with Section 93 of the Planning Act 2008 and rules 14 and 15 of the examination procedure rules.

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Um.

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We would like you to. We would like to remind you to please not repeat points that you've already made either in your written representations or orally at another hearing. This is your opportunity to build on any previous submissions that you might have made in relation to this application. The applicant will respond to the points made here today in writing at deadline three. We will not allow any cross questioning at the hearing.

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In light of the speakers we request, in light of the number of speakers, we do request you to be as brief as you possibly can be, but we will impose a maximum time limit of ten minutes per speaker. In the interest of fairness, I will enforce this limit and will indicate when you have two minutes left.

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We don't envisage taking any breaks this evening. It is our intention to close the open floor hearing at 8:15 p.m. or when we've heard all the representations.

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The final point is to remind you to please submit your oral representation today in writing at deadline three.

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Does anyone have any questions?

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Okay. So we will.

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Move on to agenda item three and I will hand over to Mr. Manning and Mr. McArthur.

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Okay. Thank you and good evening again. I think the first on our list is called the Parish Council. So if you're okay to come sit at the table just in front of you, that would be lovely.

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From.

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Absolutely. Thank you very much. I think we've set a ten minute rough limit for for for everyone this evening.

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Perfect. Thank you.

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Okay, So just turn your microphone on just so you're on the audio recording. Well, I'd like to repeat that.

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I shall hope to be exemplary in my succinctness. Lovely.

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Thank you very much.

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Three points. Okay. Thank you. They arise from the written responses from Equinor's.

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In my written. Presentation. I developed.

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Quite an elaborate critique of the method and methodology which Equinor had adopted. Their response is to repeat that they adopted that. Method and methodology. That is not a response. That is my first point. That is. The point. Between 9 and 10 on this piece of paper. The way the problem has been framed.

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I think the examining authority should pay close attention to that omission on their part.

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At point 12. They note that they approached Norfolk County Council with regard to the health impact, health and welfare impact. They do tend to omit the word sorry, well-being, not welfare. I think that is noteworthy. And I recommend. With great respect that you pay attention to that omission by them of the term well-being, which is one of the points that I have raised in relation to the methodology and the method.

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Norfolk County Council apparently acknowledges their engagement and states that the methodology for the health impact assessment is appropriate and based on best practice. I have today requested through Stefan Caron, who is the county councillor for this area.

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To obtain access to the minutes of that meeting. I had hoped to have those minutes before you this evening, but unfortunately that has not proved possible. But I shall endeavour to give you those minutes. As soon as I have them to hand. The reason for that is to ascertain what form of presentation was given to Norfolk County Council and what expertise in this area they brought to bear on considering what they had been presented with.

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And my final point.

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I go to 33.

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The applicants say. That I had submitted a list of questions as requested by Mr. High at the public examination in Norwich.

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They then go on to say, the applicant notes that these comments are directed to the for consideration.

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That was not my intention, and I'm surprised that it has been construed as my intention. My intention was that the applicants should respond to those questions. There were, I think, 10 or 11 of them. They were detailed. And I think that the examining authorities should pay attention to the way that this has been evaded. And I hope that they will now take up. With the applicants, the detailed answers to the questions I've posed.

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That's all I have to say. Thank you for your attention. And that was succinct.

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Thank you very much for your contribution, Professor Barnett. Just I'll just reemphasize, as I set out at the hearing last week, that there will be a round of written questions which will have some more on this subject for yourself and the applicant. So please keep an eye out for those. Okay. Thank you very much. Anything else from the panel before we move on? Okay. Thank you very much. Next on our list is Causton Parish Council. Mr. Monk, are you okay to jump in at this point, please?

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Thank you.

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Oh. Can't be quite the extinctions, Professor Barnett, but I'll do my best. Thank you. I'm Chris Monk from Causton Parish Council, and we do apologise for our limited engagement with the examination so far. But as previously explained, all of our available time and resource is being spent on dealing with all and Vattenfall with issues around their MP, other queries on signage, traffic management. And we've not been able to take more than a cursory look at some of the documents on the CIP and DEP project.

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However. This review has shown us that the applicant is following the path set by Orsted and Vattenfall with mountains of documents relevant detail buried. No inclination to make any concessions towards reasonable treatment of residents and a rule bound jobsworth approach overriding common sense. For example, when looking at the suitability of the road network, we expected the Orsted situation to have been wrapped up by now, but their revised CMP has only just been submitted to the local authority and so we cannot get any definitive answers to questions on traffic numbers.

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And there are other issues involving road signage and parking. After several meetings, these are still not resolved. The parking restrictions that have been unveiled in Causton are more draconian than we have been led to expect. We have asked for this to be investigated, and parking tickets are already being issued to residents, which is causing some anger here. If the EQUINOR application should get approved, what is the likely outcome for residents? Well, based on our experience so far with the other companies.

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This will include poor communication, lots of box ticking, but broken promises and delays, difficulty arranging meetings or getting information, being fobbed off with dubious excuses and unkept



promises and answers being offered. Meetings call to discuss them only for the information not to be ready. Completely wasting our time.

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I think it's worth just repeating an edited version of the comments. Comments of the previous as little as changed. We're not opposed to wind farms. We're strong supporters of renewable energy and the drive to net zero, but we're totally opposed to badly thought out construction projects that could and should have been done better in a way that weighs the interests and welfare of Norfolk residents more fairly, at least on a par with kittiwakes. And I note here. But the latest news on Hornsea three is they are seeking post consent to dilute the agreed protection for those birds.

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CPK has been heavily engaged in dealing with these proposals for the last six years. All of this work is done in council spare time, unpaid, often using their personal resources. We are simply worn out with nothing left to engage with this latest proposal. Personally, I have decided not to stand for re-election in May.

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Pat Quinn will tell you that they alone will route traffic, will not route traffic through the center, of course. And so they have little impact.

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This ignores this argument, ignores the need for residents to travel outside the village peoples to get to and from school and businesses to deal with deliveries and get their staff to work. Other developers have at least amended their working hours to recognise this Equinor refuse. Ecuador also imply that their eastern route around the village was designed to remove impact. In fact, it was the only space left for them. Impact from actual construction work will be similar whether it's east, west, north or south of the village.

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As well as the inadequate. B 1145 Equinor also planned to send traffic on minor unclassified roads in the area. These are often used for recreation by cyclists, walkers and horse riders, and we suggest there's a serious road safety issue here. We ask you to consider the cumulative impacts in Causton, both when schemes overlap and the impact of successive schemes over time. These schemes will add several more years to the impact of the three previous ones, and this is unacceptable.

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The load on a small rural community. And we do want finally to re-emphasise our request that the examination takes a wide view, including the role of National Grid and its associated companies. The consideration given to alternative routes and methods of delivery and the cumulative impacts on communities over time, including both physical and health and well-being issues. Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Monk, for for your contributions in setting out your experience on the ground. And also a big thank you for providing the photos that you provided at our request at the last open floor hearing. It's much appreciated. Um, any questions from the panel? Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Monk. Um, we will move on to our our next speakers, which the Norfolk Parish's movement for an offshore transmission network. I'll let you decide who goes first.

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There you go. Thank you.

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Okay. Please start when you're ready. Thank you.

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Thank you. Um. Madam Chair Panel, I represent the Norfolk Parish's movement for an offshore transmission network. I'd like to make two points. First of all, regarding scenarios. Throughout this application process, the applicant has sought to present itself by bringing forward these projects as a developer that is heroically responding to government targets, is going to deliver vital electricity to the grid, has no option but to propose a variety of development scenarios and is concerned for the environment and communities.

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Firstly, the applicant has included in their draft a variety of construction scenarios with best case. That's with both CIP and DEP constructed 0.786GW and worst case i.e. just set constructed of 0.338GW of generating capacity. The projected requirement for electricity generating capacity in the UK by 2025 is at least 113GW, according to the national policy statement.

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One. Therefore, in the best case, these projects would deliver less than one third of 1% of the energy requirement. And in the worst case, with just CEP constructed, that figure falls to just one eighth of 1%. These projects can hardly therefore be considered as vital for the UK. On the other hand, the cost to Norfolk, to the environment, businesses and communities will be completely disproportionate in either case due to the cumulative impacts with other offshore wind farm developments.

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Secondly, the applicant has brought forward these projects in the full knowledge that unless Ofgem could be persuaded otherwise, there would be a need for separate contracts for difference with granting at different bidding rounds. They have accepted the risk on this, but have failed to persuade Ofgem to change the current arrangements. The applicant has also used different consortia of investors for each of the two projects, but they did not have to fund the projects this way.

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They clearly understand the complexity this brings to delivery of the projects, but they have failed to resolve the issue. In addition, the applicant has failed to get agreement on anticipatory investment and ensure that both consortia work together for the construction phases. The result is they now seek approval for seven different construction scenarios to accommodate the flexibility that they claim to need. So the examining authority is being asked to decide the planning balance for projects for which the total amount of energy they will bring in, the construction time frame, the construction plans, i.e.

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concurrent or sequential, and the environmental and community impacts are all uncertain. The applicant seeks to transpose their problems which arise from their failures onto others by laying them before the examining authority, expecting that you will be persuaded to agree the DCO as it stands. If they succeed, Madam Chair, it will be the landowners, businesses and residents in Norfolk who will have to pay the price.

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If the examination if the examining authority does decide to recommend consent for this DCO, we maintain that it should only permit concurrent construction of CIP and DEP all scenario two, which allows sequential construction. But whichever project starts first installs the ducts for the second project. The second point I would like to make concerns. Alternative grid connections. Points. The applicant repeatedly claims the selection of Norwich, Maine as the grid connection point was made by GSO and implies that they were merely a passive participant in the Scion process with little control over it.

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In fact, the preferred option of the developer is taken into consideration from the start of the process. The applicant is responsible for providing high level appraisals of technical, environmental planning, consent and deliverability issues. In order to select the overall preferred connection option. The parties evaluate these issues for each connection option, and the applicant has considerable influence over the final preferred option.

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In effect, it is a joint decision. Furthermore, the applicant does not have to accept the scion offer. It can choose to accept to decline or to refer the offer to Ofgem for determination. The Scion offer is not fixed and can be amended at the request of one of the signatories virtually until the start of construction. The applicant, in response to numerous calls from communities to go back and consider a different grid connection point, has steadfastly refused to do so well, although the applicant has accepted the Scion offer, It did, and it does have a choice in this matter.

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Therefore, it is quite incorrect for the applicant to claim that Section 4.4.2 of the national policy statement one does not apply. As you are aware, not only is consideration of alternatives a requirement of the national policy statement, but is also a requirement of the EIA regulations and indeed the planning inspector its own advice. Note seven Request this information. The Norfolk Parishes movement continues to investigate and advocate connection of the CIP and DEP projects at the Walpole substation.

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We have found no insurmountable technical or engineering reason why the why the Walpole grid connection point could not be used. And crucially, it has the distinct advantage of removing most of the cumulative impacts that businesses, landowners and communities. Consideration of an alternative grid connection point is particularly applicable in this case because of the cumulative impacts of the other nationally significant infrastructure projects.

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We need an open discussion on these matters so that everyone can understand the relative merits and disadvantages of the options for the grid connection point. Perhaps the examining authority could ask the applicant to inquire of each of the parties to the Scion agreement, whether they are prepared to share the relevant information from the Scion offer. Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Mr. Betts. And as you're from your involvement, you'll appreciate that most of those points are under active examination by the panel. Okay. Thank you. Miss Betts, if you'd like to now come up. Thank you.

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Mm. Madam Chair Sandra Betts and I also represent the Norfolk Parishes movement, an offshore transmission network and OTN. And I'd like to make three points tonight. The first one concerns the actual bridge compound. With regard to the actual bridge construction compound. The applicant has put forward its proposals in the event that Zep and DEP are constructed sequentially. Sequential construction could mean a delay of several years between completion of the first project and the need to re-use the bridge compound following the start of the second project.

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Also, there could be an even longer gap between the uses of the site should the applicant decide to sell off its consent for the second project to another company or consortium. There is a further possibility

that the second project never gets constructed should the consortium decide not to proceed for whatever reason. Faced with these possibilities, it seems unreasonable that the Unrestored Outerbridge compound is left as a blot on the landscape for an uncertain period, which may extend over such a long period if the applicant insists on building these projects sequentially.

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We consider that it should be required to restore the bridge compound with appropriate landscaping and planting, etcetera, immediately after the completion of construction of the first project and that this should be included in the draft.

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Second, the compensation fund.

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We note that the applicant has yet to commit to any sort of community fund. We believe that the first responsibility of the applicant is to ensure that there is full and fair compensation for the people who will be directly impacted by the construction phases of SEP and DEP. This would include affected landowners, businesses, parish councils and residents. We ask you to make this a requirement of any approval given to these projects.

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A community fund of the sort anticipated by Norfolk County Council should be a secondary consideration. Control of a community fund by Norfolk County Council to address their own internal objectives would not be something that we can support.

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Thirdly, cumulative impacts. My final point is the impact of SIP and dip DEP and in particular the cumulative impacts in combination with the other in Sips being initiated in Norfolk. This seems to have been given scant regard by the applicant. I emphasise that these projects could, if consented, be the sixth or seventh time that certain communities will face a cable path being dug up in their immediate locality. The construction phase of all these projects could last well over a decade and there is no guarantee that further cable paths for new offshore wind farms or interconnectors will not be proposed in the future.

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I have spoken about cumulative impacts of these projects, so won't linger on that. What I want to highlight is that the electricity generated by SIP and DEP is not needed in Norfolk and will have nowhere to go once Orsted Hornsea three and Vattenfall, Norfolk, Vanguard and Borealis are constructed. The applicant has failed in its responsibility to meet its obligations under NPS 1 or 9 one, which states it is for the applicant to ensure that it will be necessary capacity to accommodate the electricity generated, namely to ensure there is sufficient onward capacity within the onshore transmission grid.

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The East Anglia Green Energy Enablement Project proposed by National Grid is a direct consequence of the radial connected offshore wind farms. But the applicant fails to acknowledge this and yet again it is trying to duck out of its responsibilities. It has left that the people of Norfolk to suffer from the disruption or the whole country will suffer higher energy prices because of the curtailment and constrained payments. The correct solution, as our campaign has consistently pointed out, is not to persist with radial connections and to rapidly deploy a fully integrated OTN.

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We sincerely hope you will take note of our earlier written representation on that matter. We have attended each of the open floor hearings and issue specific hearings. It's felt at times that the representation from the Norfolk Parish movement has been swamped by the massed ranks of lawyers, departments or specialists, experts and consultants which the applicant has brought to make its case. Today we have more representation people and communities affected by this

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application, but it is still. Madam Chair, the tip of the iceberg. What I'm asking you to imagine is that at the all the leaders of the 96 Norfolk Parish councils are standing here or sitting in these chairs and with them the hundreds of parish councillors and then again outside surrounding the entire hall, many rows deep for the thousands of people in Norfolk who may or may not be present presented by the 96, but who all share our concerns.

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These are the people whose lives are impacted. These are the people who will suffer if the traffic management plans and the construction management plans are wrong. These are the people who will suffer if all the assertions made by the applicant are incorrect because they have been based solely on precedent or poor quality data or even, heaven forbid, speculation. These are the people who will pick up the tab. It is these people, Madam Chair, who are relying on your examination panel to redress the apparent imbalance of these hearings and to weigh up carefully their objections in the planning balance.

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Thank you.

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Okay. Thank you very much. And again, I'll emphasize that all of those points are actively under consideration by the panel. And I'll just also say that, you know, it's not lost on us that you are presenting 96 parish councils is very much appreciated by the panel. Thank you. Okay. Any questions? No. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Mr. Highsmith, if you'd like to come up next, please.

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But thank you, Madam Chair and panel members. The second time you see me today, so probably get a bit bored of this. You've had a long day and it's actually length and history that I just want to touch on. We've made a number of submissions which I won't repeat or bore you with. I'm a farmer, a landowner in Weybourne, my friend and colleague to my left. Paul Middleton has farmed with me for the last 20 plus years. I'm a belated farmer. He's been around for a lot longer in the village, but we are both Norfolk residents of long standing.

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I am not interested in the financial aspects of what Equinor are doing. I'm interested in the realities and the history. It has been overlooked frequently that actually this is the second time that we've actually had this organisation come and visit us. Um, they came in a different guys before under the name of Statoil. So we have the benefit of hindsight and it's quite an interesting hindsight for me personally, and I'm going to lead that into a couple of comments I'm going to make specifically expanding on drainage and environment.

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My interest, I said, are not financial. As a context, the first time the first cableway came through, I was much younger, less grey and a lot less cynical. We were hugely co-operative. We were very naive. But the grand total of £3,800 in compensation, we allowed a two year project to facilitate the laying of the initial cables. That infrastructure is no longer owned by Equinor in their former guise of Statoil because they subsequently sold it all off.

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And in fact, the company that bought it was mentioned earlier on today. One blue transmission.

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Um, their infrastructure is now managed by Frontier, who are a power management company. Um, why is that interesting? Well, in the context of today's and the discussions that I've been having with Equinor and the course of what is now coming up for five years, we have repeatedly raised the issues that were inherent in the first scheme and evidenced by the actual activities as they delivered their initial plan. Here we sit many years later.

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The first one was 2008 when the planning permission was given. We sit here in 2023 and what are the realities? I have drainage issues which have existed since the formation of that site which have not been resolved. In fact, I no longer know who to talk to because the infrastructure was sold off. All the promises that were given us many years ago have evaporated along with the ownership. We are sitting with land which continues to drain and drain into an area which feeds into a chalk stream.

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Now in the responses that we submitted to or the points that we raised with Equinor, we cited our concerns about a piece of chalk stream. I think it's repeatedly called a ditch in their documentation. Those that would like to read it and I will make sure that the panel has got this document if they have not already. This details a program which we did in spring back. It was self-funded in cooperation with the Environment Agency and with Norfolk Rivers Trust.

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It's been going on quietly but progressively for many years. It is a site which Equinor are casually saying they're going to drill underneath. It is one of only 200 chalk streams globally. And if you're hoping to find the time to watch David Attenborough, you'll see how the importance of chalk streams exists. And this chalk stream, we are told, will be fine and dandy because they're going to drill underneath it. We have not been provided with any evidence or comfort that there has been precedent.

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This has been done before, and this is a serious and ongoing concern. The responses that Equinor gave to our last round of submission and response was, was that in general they are satisfied with their means of addressing issues of the drilling. They do not see it as a requirement to have any further monitoring or in fact any further surveys. That's a massive surprise to us and not something which I think the panel should ignore.

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We would want to see that conditions we would want to see evidence of a much, much more progressive and responsible ecological plan for that particular chalk stream, which I understand is one of the only ones that's going to be covered under this program.

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I said, I'm not driven by finances. I'm in a lucky position where I'm not reliant on the income from my farm, which is pretty damn good because I've had it for 20 odd years and never taken a penny out of it. But what is important to me is my community. My community is not benefiting in any way, shape or form from this latest expansion.

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Any financial compensation receive is going to be provided to my community. That is a commitment I have previously made and will carry out. It disturbs me greatly that the communities are now

experiencing as Weybourne is yet another incursion of yet another cable. Routing is the start of sorry, a continuance of a process that will continue way beyond my lifetime. I'm not I'm a supporter of renewables.

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That's a personal support. It is not driven by the interests of shareholders. I don't have shareholders. I don't have to find an alternative means to make £28.3 billion sorry, dollars of profit, which Equinor did in this past year. So I would echo many of the concerns that have been raised by parish councils throughout Norfolk, by colleagues and friends and other interested parties and affected parties. But I would absolutely underscore that there are many people here who are not represented today because they can't afford to.

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They haven't got the time to go through the multiple documentation. And in fact, I have also found it incredibly difficult to keep up with all that and had to secure professional advice, which can also tell you other than agents fees has not been covered any extent by my equinor. In fact, they have point blank refused to do it. So this is not meant to be a rant. I'm I'm trying to find a positive way of working with Equinor. I find that hard.

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I don't want them or myself to misrepresent the amount of work that still has to go on. I am a landowner that is unusual in so many ways because I am not interested in financial output. I'm interested in the ecology, I'm interested in the community and I'm interested in the long term survivability of my family farming enterprise. And I'm sure all echo all that I would leave you with if I have a request other than what we've already submitted.

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Please, please support the attention paid to the chalk stream, the one and only chalk stream we have in Weybourne, which we have spent many years trying to renovate and recover. The recovery work this year will include the introduction of indigenous crayfish, which I suspect will be undone by the imposition of this cable routing. And one final comment. It was noted in the responses that Equinor gave, which was a trust us, it'll be fine that they were very accommodating in moving there in their drilling, their inspection, drilling around and about this chalk stream.

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I would point out that actually they issued me but it with Section 172 notice therefore within 24 hours of me insisting that they moved it and in fact that they provided me with a copy of their ecological survey. The ecological survey came six weeks after they completed that work and was clearly a desktop exercise. And in fact, we know that the individual who did the ecological survey didn't even visit the site physically.

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So you can understand why I'm somewhat sceptical about the promises and components that the sponsor and his horde of supporters, professional supporters proposed. However, I've said I'd finish by saying I remain engaged with the process and I remain open minded and remain willing to try and find resolution. But I think we also need to bear in mind that this is not being done as to save our planet.

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This is being done to save shareholders. And that is an entirely different dynamic than the one that I personally and I think members of my community are interested in. Thank you for your time.

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Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Smith. You referred to two documents. One was in relation to spring break. If that could be provided maybe within your your oral summary. And also you referred to the what you consider to be a desktop survey towards the end of your work. Are you able to provide that as well? Okay. Thank you very much. That's appreciated. Any questions from the panel? Okay. I'll hand over to Mr. McArthur.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Manning. Um, I'll begin. And apologies if I misheard at the outset of the of the hearing. Mr. Aldous, did did you say you probably won't be speaking or you definitely are not speaking?

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No speaking. Thank you very much. In that case, I will go to Ms.. Shaw for the representation from Weybourne Parish Council, please.

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Good evening.

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Yes. Was handed this. I was emailed this, um, earlier this evening because the representative from Weybourne Parish Council is unable to attend at the last minute, so I will read it out on behalf of Weybourne Parish Council. Weybourne Parish Council resolved to join the Norfolk Parishes movement for an a long time ago because we felt this gave local residents a voice helping to address the power imbalance between, on the one hand, the vested interests of the windfarm companies in this instance equinor with their army of consultants, technical specialists and community liaison teams, and on the other hand, ordinary people who are on the receiving end of the cable construction being part of the Norfolk Parishes movement, has allowed us to pool resources and knowledge and to feel less alone in the fight against the destruction of our rural way of life and to counter equinor's propensity to divide and rule.

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It is important for the local community to have a voice to question the assessments that impacts are negligible or minor in inverted commas, when it is not actually the experience of the receptors in inverted commas. In other words, people. We cannot stress enough the cumulative impact of the construction of one wind farm after another, in addition to the human cost of the stress and anxiety caused by the drawn out planning and construction process, the repeated destruction of important environmental features is disastrous at a time when nature and biodiversity are in crisis.

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For example, the Hornsea three scheme has recently hacked its way through hedgerows and trees along its cable corridor. These are not scheduled to be replaced until the cable construction is completed, which will be several years at least. It will take time for these to recover, to function fully as wildlife corridors. And meanwhile the equinor projects, if approved, are likely to take out another swathe of hedgerows and trees, further damaging the integrity of these important environmental features.

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With the latest research on climate change suggesting that the situation is even more serious than previously thought. Now is not the time to be ripping out vegetation which fulfils vital functions, providing shelter from wind temperature regulation, sequestering carbon, sequestering water,



preventing soil erosion and providing food, shelter and nesting opportunities for wildlife, particularly when there is a much better alternative to bring ashore with renewable energy from the Equinor windfarm projects, namely a connection at Walpole.

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Thank you. That's the end of Weybourne Parish Council statement.

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Thank you, Ms.. Show. I will ask you to remain there because I'll ask you to make your submission in a moment. You in reading that representation, you've echoed some comments that a number of other parties here today have made, which which reflects the the weight of the applicants team in in hearings versus, I'm sure, what must feel like solitary voices on the other side. And I just wanted to reflect

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the examining authority's view that the weight of representation from the applicants does not mean that their voices are louder than anybody else's in terms of the representations given to the examining authority or the weight that the examining authority gives to evidence before it. And. With that, I'll ask you to make your representation, please.

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Well, thank you for that comment. Um, I'm sure you can understand that it sometimes feels it's sometimes difficult to believe, but I think. I think we mean we we obviously understand as parishes and individuals that, um, developers are big companies and they, and they have to have specialists to do certain parts of their jobs. But it's, it's extremely hard in the planning process for, for us to, to provide any kind of specialist knowledge in return.

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We try and we're surprised sometimes by what we can we can find out and what we can produce. But, um, this is why we have worked hard over the last two years to come together as a group of parishes and towns and parish and town councils. Um, because it's, it's, it's so difficult for any, for any one parish to really provide any kind of resources. But even then it's been, it's been very hard. However, I hope that the panel can has think I believe the panel has taken seriously the fairly unusual grouping that we have here, which is 96 parishes who have chosen parishes are not famous for campaigning.

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They they hence the term parochial. It's not an it's not an accident. Is it parochial? It does not mean lifting your head above your parapet. You stay low. So it's been quite an extraordinary process to get 96 parishes together saying and some of these parishes are not even directly affected by cable corridors, but they have come to understand by reading and listening and talking to each other that this will affect the whole county. And so, you know, they are drawn from all over.

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Right. But you would you like me now to carry on with my own? Yes, please. Yes. Thank you.

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So this is largely on my own behalf. Good evening. I feel something of a fraud. Speaking to you again tonight after my valedictory speech at Open Floor one. But there was always a little more that one might usefully say. I shall be brief. Speaking as a resident of Alton, we have now experienced over several months the setting up of Orsted's huge main construction compound in our midst and the

difficulties of policing the project traffic that already occasionally strays into the residential end of Alton Street.

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Contrary to the Echo and dreading the increase in such issues as the cable trench construction gets underway in earnest very soon. Getting effective signage and at the right locations around the parish, e.g. no access for hornsea through traffic has been a battle and was very late in being put in place. We have had to have an urgent meeting with Ofsted's main contractors who meanwhile we feel. But their focus is of course on their construction imperatives and the effects of their activities on the local residents who will have to live alongside their daily operations for at least the next four years is, in effect, an afterthought for them.

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The issue of the unacceptability of beeping, reversing alarms as opposed to the white noise version is an ongoing debate, but one which we shall have to win if we are not going to go mad. Now. Vattenfall is now Vattenfall main contractors have turned up and begun to establish the Vanguard and Boreas Central Works compound directly opposite all states and sharing the southern end of Ocean Street as their access road. We noticed their construction vehicles coming through the residential end of the street almost immediately.

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And when I visited the site to speak with the workforce, they cheerfully told me that they had no idea that they weren't allowed to come to the village. Nobody told us. And they were only very dimly aware, of course, of what a DCO might even be. So now we have to start all over again with the Vattenfall and force them to carry out their responsibilities under the requirements of their DCO. This has been a disappointing and scary start to our experience on the ground of the end result of all the forensic hard work that goes on during the six month period of an examination.

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Apart from providing the panel with a graphic illustration of some of the real problems of the cumulative impacts of these projects with each other, I do not put these experiences before you tonight in order to invalidate this current panel's activities. On the contrary, I described them in order to highlight the vital importance of the detailed work of mitigation that you are now engaged in. It appears that we as communities are forced to explain the planning conditions to each contractor, in turn, a job that should in itself be made a requirement of the developer within their DCO, perhaps.

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But just imagine how powerless we would be if we did not at least have these requirements secured in the often with great difficulty to point to. It is essential, therefore, to thrash out these mitigating requirements before the close of the examination. As leaving anything controversial to be settled, post consent lays communities, businesses and individuals wide open to the full negative impacts of construction.

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The village community of Athol Bridge was to host the Sep DEP main construction compound deserves therefore your full attention. In terms of no traffic of any kind associated with the project, including staff vehicles being allowed through the village, suitable restrictions on working hours and restrictions on noise, vibration and emissions.

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Before making my final point, I would like to just pick up one of the points made by the farmer from Weybourne who's

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whose comments were very interesting to me. Um, the chalk stream issue is indeed huge. Um, and we have the River Bure going through Oulton. Um, and Justin Rogers here who lives right next to the bridge there. Um, is adjacent to the that will be going under the River Bure. We have similar concerns ourselves without the specialist knowledge that this earlier speaker has on this on these, on these issues.

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But we will try to we may submit something at deadline three about the river in Elkton. Um, in a similar way. So finally, I would like to endorse everything that's been said by others this evening about the unacceptability of the cumulative impacts of the septic project under almost all the scenarios in its own proposal. But certainly and unequivocally, when taken in combination with the impacts of Orsted and Vattenfall throughout this county here, of course, in the Holt, Kelling and Weybourne area, it would be adding insult to injury to inflict this pain on them yet again.

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After the initial disruption of the original Sheringham and dudgeon projects followed by Orsted all making landfall right here. How much better it would be for the developer as well as for the environment and communities of Norfolk if these projects were to go straight via a seabed cable through the wash and connect to the grid at Walpole. I urge the panel to persist in their questioning of the applicant and of National Grid in all its relevant incarnations as to exactly why this solution cannot now be embraced.

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And we thank you for your endeavours. Thank you.

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Thank you, Miss Shaw. Before you. Before you step away. You touched on the traffic issues and particularly the construction traffic issues that that that are now that the older and particularly is now facing. And you mentioned that you had been to the construction compound to to discuss some of these issues. Have you spoken directly with with Orsted and and Vattenfall about the what appears from your description to be a deviation from what must have been agreed in a traffic management plan and secured in the DCO?

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Yes, we've had a meeting. Well, we have with one and not yet with the other. So we've had a meeting with Orsted and the project manager of their main contractors. Um, about a month ago, about a month after the last open floor. Think it was. And the contractors. It was very interesting that that was when I felt most powerfully the force of the work that had been done, um, to secure certain things within the DCO.

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Because I was able to say to that project manager, it states it's where is your no left turn sign coming out of your, your, your compound onto Elton Street? Because in the DCO there was to be a no left turn sign so that nothing, no traffic of any kind, not a DHL, somebody delivering toilet rolls. Nobody would turn left and go up the residential end of the street. Everybody should use the Holt Road. They should all turn right. And he said, Oh, are we supposed to have one? So I said, Yes, we are.

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And it's in the DCO. Then I said about the staffing, about staff vehicles. So and he and I said, We are experiencing already staff vehicles coming through and we don't want to rush out at 6:00 in the morning for the next four years, and especially as the cottages are right on the street. So there's absolutely no barrier between us and any traffic increase. And he made he he was he was a very

decent guy, very straightforward. And he may he made a little wry smile, a little wry smile at that point.

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He said because said it's in the, you know, staff, vehicles included. And he said, yes, I know he said unusual that. And I thought, Wow. Thank heavens we fought for it. But we did have to. You know, we sat around at hearings and we we we asked the panel to ask the applicants whether they would not include staff vehicles because of the situation of little villages right on the street with no pavements, no front gardens, nothing to consider, keeping all traffic as far as possible, all traffic away from villages and communities.

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So that was now that was our experience with water. Um, and we feel we're making headway. We didn't make quite as much headway on the reversing alarms, but he now understands that we know as much as he knows it only costs £100 to retrofit any vehicle, £40 for the machine and £60 for a man to put it in for you. So he knows he's working on that. But with Vattenfall, they have arrived only in the last 2 or 3 weeks. And he spoke when he went there to the compound, probably two weeks ago.

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We we came back and immediately discussed with the parish council, and we immediately sent off a letter to that community liaison officer asking for an urgent meeting to discuss. And I have not heard back from her yet.

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Okay. Thank you. That's nonetheless very informative.

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Before before let you go. I'll just check whether there are any other questions from the panel. It.

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No questions.

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Just a point to make. Was just what you said that when you met with the project manager, um, you most powerfully felt the weight of the. And I just want to just take a moment to just dwell on that because it just shows how important engagement is at these proceedings. Even if not everything goes the way that members of the community might want and whatever does and whatever helpfully is put into the DCO, it does carry a lot of weight and I think.

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It's quite.

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Reassuring to hear you have had that experience. Um, so and to encourage people to keep engaged with the process.

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Good. Thank you. Yes. Mean it. It it was a powerful experience. But I also, of course, have the other experiences as well to worry about, which are the ones the issues that have gone into post consent and have never been resolved is still not being solved. For instance, of course, in High Street, you know, which is a and those those issues were worrying me because they you know, they they recur in all these projects. So would would would hope that you can take that point on board as well.

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Absolutely. And just to remind you that you did say that you were going to put something in writing a deadline three. So we're just not sure that we.

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Thank you. So, moving on, then. Um. In fact, before we move on to agenda item four, can I just double check that there are no other interested parties who wish to speak?

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And I'm taking the lack of hands as a confirmation that there are none. So moving on to agenda item four. And as we've not had any notification from other parties who have registered to speak this evening, we will move directly on unless those parties and specifically Mr. Pierce, have heard anything this evening that has prompted them to come forward and speak. No, thank you, Mr. Pierce. Um. In that case, I will hand back to Mr.

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Thank you very much. And as I've already said, my thanks to Monsieur would like to say thank you to everyone who's come today, late in the evening on rather rainy day, to make your representations. It's really important for us, for you. We understand that you've been engaged with lots of these projects, but your engagement is absolutely crucial for the examination to be thorough and for us to make be able to

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engage with the applicant and ensure that the right things are included in the DCO. Um, so yes, I think that brings us to the.

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Evening. Um, and just a reminder that the applicant is invited to respond to these representations in writing at deadline three on the 2nd of May 2023.

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Time now is ten minutes past 8 p.m. and I will now close the open floor meeting. The open floor hearing.

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Thank you.