

Speaking as a resident of Oulton, 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 Oulton Street " contrary to the DCO " 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 3 traffic" " has been a battle " and was very late in being put in place.

We have had to have an urgent meeting with Orsted's main contractors - who mean well, 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 4 years is " in effect " an afterthought.

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's main contractors have turned up and begun to establish the Vanguard and Boreas "Central Works Compound" directly opposite Orsted's - and sharing the southern end of Oulton Street as their access road. We noticed their construction vehicles coming through the residential end of The Street almost immediately 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 through 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 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 6-month period of an NSIP examination.

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 describe 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 " but just imagine how powerless we would be, if we did not at least have these requirements secured in the DCO, 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.

The village community of Attlebridge, forced to host the SEP/DEP Main Construction Compound deserves 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;

- Restrictions on noise, vibration and emissions.

Finally, I would like to endorse everything that has been said by others this evening about the unacceptability of the cumulative impacts of the SEP/DEP 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 in the Holt, Kelling and Weybourne area of course, it would be adding insult to injury to inflict this pain on them yet again, 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, via a seabed cable, straight 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.

"And we thank you for your endeavours.