



WORKING TANKS AND MILITARY VEHICLES

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The Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
3-8 Whitehall Place,
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Dear Secretary of State,

Equinor (Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Projects)

We have been very supportive of electricity generation by offshore wind farms. This is demonstrated by the fact that with the completion of the above projects five wind farms will be bringing electricity ashore on our farmland equivalent to supplying power to some 4.4 million homes. This must be one of the largest wind farm electricity landfalls in the United Kingdom.

Except for Equinor other wind farm developers have joined in discussions with us about their plans both before and after the granting of a Development Consent Order. This has resulted in practical decisions and a cooperative relationship.

In addition to farming, since 1988 we have established one of the country's largest working military museums which has thousands of visitors every year. It is a major Attraction in Norfolk which is acknowledged by Councils and Tourist Associations.

Equinor sent out their public plans in 2020 and we visited their community presentations. However, their detailed plans were only obtained by us from the Weybourne Parish Council on the 23rd October 2023. They were not sent to us by Equinor and there had been no practical consultation whilst some of the routes in their detailed plans are incorrect.

Our primary objection is that with no direct access from the cable corridor to the adjoining A149 main road all their construction traffic will use our tourist access causing great inconvenience.

A separate temporary access is easy, involving the removal of a soil bank and an old hedge which can be reinstated at the end of the projects. We were told by their agents this could not be done because of hypothetical complaints. Another wind farm currently under construction has many such temporary accesses without apparent complaint and at least one access has required the removal of mature trees which does not apply in our case.

Equinor never responds to our communications, and we only have links with their agents in whom we have no confidence.

We request that you instruct senior Equinor personal (not their agents) to meet us and to give serious consideration to creating a temporary access.

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Sir Michael Savory
Managing Partner