

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS
MADE ON BEHALF OF
STRUTT & PARKER (FARMS) LTD &
LIANA ENTERPRISES LTD**

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The following submissions are made subsequent to the hearings between 17th – 19th September 2024 and relate to land owned and farmed by Strutt & Parker (Farms) Ltd and Liana Enterprises Ltd, which is all onshore land.

1. Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1

- 1.1 We believe that the ExA should only consider the Five Estuaries Project and therefore the application boundary which includes land for the North Falls project is too large and excessive for the needs of this project
- 1.2 If the ExA are minded to consider a larger project that is need for this application, then we would request that both projects be built at the same time and so the land only disturbed once
- 1.3 We do not think the applicant has considered alternative routes that would avoid impacting my clients proposed development
- 1.4 Grounds of rejection have been based on cost and we wisht for the ExA to ask the developer to re-consider its route to avoid the potential development
- 1.5 The developer is not committing to location of easement and we request to help mitigate the impact to our land, that the cable easement be located to the north of the easement over our clients land.
- 1.6 WE question the size of the easement and cable corridor; it seems excessive compared to other schemes.
- 1.7 We content that there is a perfectly suitable and viable (if not slightly longer cable) route available that runs within my clients land ownership and was part of the survey area and would be suitable to avoid conflict with our potential development. My client is happy to have this route as the preferred option rather than the current route applied for.
- 1.8 We are concerned that the developer stated that they will not amend the route, this seems contrary to this DCO process and with working with the landowners to find solutions to valid issues arising.
- 1.9 A haul road should be constructed to allow traffic to pass and reduce disturbance and damage to the land and work limited to spring through to autumn months.

2. Specific Hearing 1

- 2.1 **Cable Depth** – we request that a minimum depth of 1.2m for the cable across all agricultural land
- 2.2 **Drainage** – obligation on pre and post construction drainage using the landowners consultants/drainers and having a 10 year liability post construction
- 2.3 **Contamination** – appropriate measures to prevent soil borne disease contamination between farm units

- 2.4 **Soil analysis before construction** – request a detailed soil analysis and restoration to that standard, inc top soil depth
- 2.4 **Restoration aftercare** – there should be at least a 10 year after care programme on replacement of hedgerows and trees.
- 2.5 We wish for the temporary possession and haul road to be amended on lad parcels 08-024 and 07-008, 07-010 and 07-009. We have reviewed the ecology data and in particular the dormice recordings and recommendations. We have included further details on our proposed solutions to this which will reduce the impact on the land and other local habitats and farming business significantly. See the full written summary.

3. Specific Hearing 2

- 3.1 the land should only be opened up once and ducts then laid for pull through of cables at a later stage. We also think that this should be done for both projects and not just Five Estuaries.
- 3.2 We believe that the developer should only have the land opened for a maximum time of 18months to minimise the disruption.
- 3.3 We request that the ExA also put a timetable on the development to progress after the DCO has been confirmed of 3 years.