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Dear PINS

I am writing with regard to the recent letter from the Secretary of State to yourselves asking for more information post DCO application closure

I refer to Paragraph 15 ref Land Rights tracker

I am an interested party and the Applicant has been trying to negotiate rights over my land (WSX424385) off Kent Street.

It was very evident during the hearings and examination period that Rampion had not fully engaged with both large and small landowners and that this could be legal issue for the compulsory purchase rights option in the future. Some of the stories by small working farmers and landowners in the hearings were truly harrowing and very much reminded me of the Post Office scandal where large corporates ride rough shod over normal working people.

No further engagement or meetings have taken place since the examination closed. The Applicant was woeful in their communication with us during the examination period and the performance of their agent Carter Jonas was absolutely terrible. They only made contact when it was convenient for them or when PINS had asked them too, but did not reply to our communications on many occasions.

We have not heard from Carter Jonas or Rampion since the examination period ended, indeed we have heard that Cater Jonas are no longer involved and we would question the integrity of Rampion's community consultation as they have not communicated this to us so even if we wanted to sign a heads of terms who do we call?

As well as not being able to complete a heads of terms agreement with us we do believe there are a vast majority of landowners in the same situation. The consultation process by both the Applicant and their agent falls well below the bar expected of a DCO application and we were extremely disappointed in the whole process.

We are local working people and have been severely impacted by this thread-bare application for such a large DCO submission. We have made written representations throughout the examination period as have many other people in the community.

We believe in green energy and renewables but this site near Kent Street is just not the right place to build it and earlier consultation should have taken place to highlight the issues. A move to renewable energy should not be completed to the detriment of the natural environment - this is non sensical and must be reviewed, we need green energy solutions located in the 'right' places not just 'any place' where corporates decide - Government and the people should decide not multi billion pound companies.

I refer to Paragraph 9 ref Trenchless Crossings

During the examination period much information was provided by organisations regarding the destruction of trees / hedges and animal and plant life. There is still a vast amount of detailed information needed on the position and process of trenchless crossings as these crossings could destroy more nature than they are intended to conserve. Also this extra damage in creating crossings and moving the large plant and equipment into place has not been part of the calculations to date. We believe the Applicant has been vague on this issue during the process and we are happy that the Secretary of State has asked for more details.

Thank you for listening to me and our small community

Regards

Emily Ball