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For consideration by the EXA. As an affected party my objections to the DCO in relation to my plot 06-097 at LAND PLAN-ONSHORE, SHEET NUMBER 6, in its current format remain.

The applicant is requesting to take 9710m<sup>2</sup> of my only livestock grazing land, this is currently 26100m<sup>2</sup>. If allowed to go ahead and compulsory acquisition of 06-097 is granted, this will result in a complete loss of 37% in land, in livestock feed and any agricultural commercial viability in 06-097 essentially sterilising the land. The total loss of all my prior investment into the land. This represents approximately 16% of my total land.

The plot 06-097 includes my only access gateway and track that enables me to enter and exit my entire property with feed trailers, livestock trailers. This is due to the topography of the land that I own. The requested section 06-097 being Compulsory rights acquisitioned, is the only flat section I have on my entire holding. This will leave me in the impossible position of not being able to enter or exit my own property with anything I am unable to carry by hand, to bring in winter feed or take livestock to market or purchase new livestock, or bring in anything on a trailer, or take delivery's. The track alone requires periodic maintenance due to the wetland nature of the ground in parts along 06-097 this is also not allowed under the Heads of terms.

My livestock rely solely on spring water as their drinking water, the risk to these springs within 06-097 and close by to my land, due to the proposed underground cable drilling would be catastrophic. This is due to the delicate nature of the natural springs in and around my land. This will result in the total loss of ability to keep livestock at my property, keeping livestock would be impossible after all my years of investment, reducing the land's agricultural value to zero.

Whilst I have no planning application under consideration at present it is my intention to build my forever home, as [REDACTED] requiring a purpose-built home especially as I age at plot 06-097. This is due to it being the only flat piece of land on my entire property and is also ideal due to its proximity to existing infrastructure along the B5381. It has fantastic views across to my ancient woodland which provides excellent habitat and wildlife corridor for, many bird species including Owls and raptor roosts, bats, foxes, badger sets and further views on out to the coast. Having invested all my life savings, time and effort into my land, the stress and negative effect this DCO application is having on me is considerable.

I object and cannot agree that 06-097 will be **required** for the project to proceed, merely desired by the applicant. The cable corridor as indicated at (LAND PLAN-ONSHORE, sheet 6) that leads to my property starts at 75m wide at plot 05-091. Then at plot 05-093 it expands to 100m, then 220m in part and reduces to a 115m minimum width as it reaches the B5381 at Pen yr fail crossroad. All within plot 05-093.

The inclusion of my land 06-097 is wholly unjustifiable and I say it cannot be considered required, to expand the corridor to nearly 240m width along the B5381 for the project to proceed.

The applicant stated in RR-078.5 the corridor width may be up to 100m for the trench-less crossing of the B5381. Also, at document D3 page 6 of 73, 1.3.2.17 it states up to a 100m corridor width. The applicant already has a 115m corridor width at plot 05-093 adjacent to my property (heads of terms agreed).

The applicant is intending further down the route to cross two roads at LAND PLAN-ONSHORE, sheet 7, 06-108, 07-111, 07-120 all at a 100m corridor width. Also, near the end of the cable route at LAND PLAN-ONSHORE, sheet 10, 10-179, 10-180, 10-183. With a 90 degree turn and road crossing, this is all completed within the max 100m corridor width. An expansion to a 240m corridor by the extra inclusion of plot 06-097 is wholly unjustified.

The applicants own Engineer stated the thermal loads/losses due to trench-less buried cables would be minimal at this location as it is only approximately 4000m from the cable start point at the coast. The geology is not an obstacle to the drilling operation, as it is just a case of changing the cutting tool to suit the ground, it has the ability to cut through solid rock. Both adjacent plots at 05-093 and 06-100 have already had bore hole and surveying completed, with apparently with no problems being shown.

In the plans presented by the applicant it shows, the applicants intention in using my land, to cross under two roads, Natural springs and Mature trees crossing the Unnamed road and the B5381 at 06-097. Rather than staying within plot 05-093 to cross the B5381, it clearly makes no sense to justify the extra use of my land, as a need to reduce any thermal issues or making a tight turn.

Considering the applicant is already requesting 05-093 which is 115m at its minimum and only requiring one crossing of the B5381. Allowing a minor modification to the scheme at this point, I request must be considered.

My grave concern is the applicant has only requested Compulsory Acquisition of rights for my property for other purposes than presented, due to the massive expansion of the cable corridor to include my land, rather than actually requiring it. I say the applicant has not demonstrated satisfactorily that the intended Compulsory acquisition is necessary and proportionate under the planning act 2008. And My rights under Article 1 of the first protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights have been impacted.

Despite my concerns I have only ever received the same heads of terms to sign from the applicant, this is something that I cannot and will not do.

Kind regards

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