

KM HUSSEY CLOSING STATEMENT PINS Ref EN010137 AFFECTED PARTY NUMBER MNOW-S57018

As the Inspection comes to a close I would like to submit a personal statement which I hope the examiners can take into consideration when making their recommendations.

Firstly I would like to thank the applicant for the engagement they have offered to my husband and I, from the onset it has been very helpful. Regrettably we still find ourselves in exactly the same situation as at the start with very little headway being made, in fact as the project has progressed the detriment to ourselves has only increased. It has highlighted the disruption and noise we will experience, sometimes for prolonged periods of time and given the very long construction time we will have little respite, it diminishes how we currently enjoy our property and surrounding environment, the loss of nearby hedgerows and some very established trees will completely change the character and outlook of the area. This I am finding very hard to accept, how can it be fair for us to be subjected to such enormous upheaval through no fault of our own? The applicant has agreed many times that our position is unique and sympathised with our situation but have still not offered us an adequate solution. They also recognise we are the only people exposed to both a cable route skirting our boundary on 2 sides just meters away and then the huge substation structure to the front which will dominate the landscape. Should anyone care to scrutinise the many drawings and plans submitted we appear to be marooned and surrounded. The applicant has been extremely eloquent at explaining away the apparent non-effects to us during the examination and has fulfilled all its legal obligations with professionalism but also recognises that this process does not lend itself to individuals. It appears all rights are stacked against us and we will be forced to accept this injustice for the greater good and benefits of BP/EnBW, it's a shame the applicant does not adhere to BP's Code of Conduct published on their web site which states: *We want to make a positive impact by working together with governments and communities to help improve people's lives* and their main claim of *We do the right thing*, perhaps it is not relevant in our particular case and they only look at things at a higher level. We are painfully aware that in other schemes agreements have been formulated to reach a suitable conclusion for affected individuals like ourselves, again perhaps they feel it is not relevant in our case, it would be interesting to know what the criteria is.

We have complied with BP's request to fully engage with this planning process and have had to read and scrutinise all documentation and reports to the best of our abilities even though we have not had the benefit of any professional help. Originally we requested to be allowed access to assistance but this was refused as we were not in the correct category and subsequently the red line boundary was adjusted to make it impossible, since we are being significantly impacted and in our 'unique position' it felt and still feels unjust. At one of the hearings we were kindly signposted to a voluntary organisation that might assist us, again unfortunately all the queries we had they were unable to help with. At the beginning we did briefly seek a little help from a land agent which we paid for, his comment was that we stood no chance of a positive outcome, maybe he was correct and a sad indictment for individuals?

In responses given in deadline 6 the applicant stated that we may be able to claim compensation for loss of value of our property under the Land Compensation Act 1973, this response is an insult. Having read the Act and its relation to us we would have zero chance of making a claim which the applicant will be fully aware of. As far as I can ascertain much of the noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke and artificial lighting should be mostly resolved and we would have no right to compensation.

We have always been upfront and our resolve unwavering, our main issue with this development is the construction and the many years of disruption to our daily lives will be intolerable. Given work is

proposed to be 12 hours a day, 6 days a week even if this schedule is reduced the majority of our waking and perhaps some sleeping time will be affected by the intrusion.

We find ourselves in a situation that is out of our control, the last twelve months has fundamentally changed us and not for the better, we try to keep our sense of humour and positive outlook but that is diminishing if the applicant is not prepared to act responsibly and ethically this undoubtedly will only get worse. We should not have to fight so hard to maintain a decent quality of life. I make no apology for raising these issues again, the applicant may say they are listening but are they really hearing and understanding?

Finally I would like to thank you, the examiners, for your patience with us, it has been greatly appreciated, also much gratitude to the case team who have helped and assisted us all along the way.