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Focus: [8.12] Comments made by RWE on a response made to EXQ1 Section 3. 1.1 REP2-053 and REP-051/052 in Table 2.1

The Mckeown family wish to make a further comment on the above.

You will be aware that in our first response to EXQ1 we were raising questions as to the accuracy of elements of the 'd DCO', particularly in Panel 'A'.

RWE made clear in their response that they welcome further commentary from ourselves on this subject.

REP2-053

The Accuracy of the Book of Reference [AS-017]. CA.1.4.

We accept the Applicant's reasonable explanation as to plot references on High House Lane which is seen in the Land Plans [AS-015]. However such information is not clear in the accompanying written statement see Book of Reference [AS-017] Plot 3/10.

A Book of Reference is a legal document made in writing.

We again suggest that this document be amended to reflect that the land leased to the solar farm is not the whole of the private trackway known as High House Lane.

REP-053 CA.1.5., also relating to the Book of Reference.

We wish to draw to the Applicant's attention their identification of a particular plot. We refer to several plots adjacent to the proposed Main Site entrance Panel'A'.

RWE state "the Applicant is seeking temporary possession ONLY of plot 3/15". Are they indicating that both 3/15, unregistered land, and 3/14, in the deeds of High House Farm, are both up for consideration regarding temporary possession? Or is their statement inaccurate? We request that their answer be clarified in writing.

Moving on to the two sections of REP2-051/052.

The Applicants response is in two sections.

The first deals with the accurate 'identification of streets and of place' as these are relevant to the village of Brafferton and High House Lane, both in Panel 'A'.

First of all both parties have used the research source attributable to the local authority, Darlington Borough Council. See 'www.darlington.gov.uk/transportand-streets' which gives information on both adopted highways and rights of way.

On this site one adopted street is the access to the houses in Brafferton, and it is called the Green. It is identified by the colour coding of pink, and also labelled as such at both ends of the village

The route changes quite abruptly to the colour grey at a point not far from Town End Farm, the last building in the village to the East.

This is perceived to be the start point of High House Lane.

There is a clear difference between the two.

The Green is a highway whilst High House Lane is not open to public vehicular access. When photographs appear with houses and car prominent it cannot be accurate when the labelling refers to it as High House Lane.

(In our first response to the EXQ1 we quote one such incidence of mislabelling).

Throughout the months of research leading to the 'd DCO' there are frequent misunderstandings as to this 'route' which in total length runs from the entrance to the village and up the 'green lane' to High House Farm.

The resultant confusion and its effect on traffic assessment can be seen in the Mckeown family response [RR-515] to the Public Consultation held in Brafferton Data presented in grid form which relates to the traffic movements in this area has been similarly affected. See Pier Assessment Appendix 12.1 Survey Traffic Network Diagram Daily Traffic 01/05/2023. "High House Lane movement numbers- "121 vehicles daily".

We offer a simple solution. All reference to traffic movement should be presented as a 'combined assessment' ie that of 'the Green, Brafferton/High House Lane'.

Finally the matter of ProWs and maps.

In the latest map from RWE showing the Public Rights of Way [APP-081] 6.3.9.3 Figure 9.3 the Footpath no 9 is not shown in its correct form, the majority of it is not shown at all. Also since the incorporation of new Order Limits there is a need to show the short ProW length known as Footpath 20, part of Ketton Lane. The existence of both can be checked on the Darlington council website already mentioned. If accuracy is required we suggest you take the Council's advice and consult the coding which indicates the length of a footpath.

That is only available on a Definitive Map of ProWs held by the DBC.