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The Inspectors' attention is drawn to the Representation submitted in July 2023. As the daughter of Mr Nott and the contractor of his land I feel NG have not followed correct procedures in this application to build a haul road through the middle of our family farm.

How can a planning application be submitted without all the required surveys?

Why can NG create new rights (class 4 article 24) this late in the application which will have huge impact on the long term value of the farm?

We had our first meeting with NG on 21st August 2022 where they produced a road survey that had absolutely no relevance to the haul road cutting the farm in half. The representatives from NG (Richard Cookson/land agent and BobJones/engineer) were apologetic and after viewing the correct route off the A131 let us believe that the road would be sufficient. They suggested that someone in the office had drawn a line using Google maps and that the original route across our farm would probably never happen. We still haven't seen any surveys proving the need for a haul road let alone any ecological surveys on the land itself. Following another meeting with NG and the parish council on 18th October (Seb/senior project manager) quoted "surveys are ongoing at present and we would receive them very soon". Nearly a year on and still no surveys?

In January this year NG have changed the haul road from temporary to permanent ie they have a right to reinstate and subject the land to more destruction when ever they please. This was not disclosed at the beginning of the consultation. Over the last year we have given NG alternative routes including leaving a permanent haul road around some of the perimeter of the fields to minimise the disruption to the landowner wildlife and contractors. We have been totally ignored and NG have only met with us to tick a box. No proper analysis of the route or alternatives have been carried out. They have not been transparent with their requirements and not taken any of our concerns on board. Why can NG "change the goal posts" whenever it suits them and then have the power to say it is too late to change the haul road route?