

Written Representation (Specific Issues) – Richborough Connection Project

Interested Party/Parties: Mr M Wilkinson and Chislet Court Farms.

Date: 11/07/16

Further to the overall written representation submitted by Finn's, this issue specific representation is submitted on behalf of the above Interested Parties, in relation to land at Chislet Court Farm, Chislet.

We would therefore make the following comments:

1. Consultation – we are keen to outline the complete failure to consult, relating to a specific pylon location. During the statutory consultation in February 2015 it was confirmed that pylon PC 28 would be located in land to the south, which would not have affected a productive field, sometimes cropped with potatoes. At the meeting held in December 2015, it was confirmed that due to a badger sett, pylon PC 28 would be moved into the better land and away from the boundary. This change was sudden and irreversible according to National Grid. Results from the environmental survey were requested but never provided.
2. Land rights strategy – Mr Wilkinson is particularly aggrieved at the payments made under this scheme, which do not in any way reflect his long term occupation of the land.
3. Visual impact on surrounding properties – there will undoubtedly be a significant impact on the local area and in particular residential properties, without the ability to be compensated for such impact or loss in value. National Grid has also been slow in providing photo montages for certain locations, which may have assisted discussions or influenced decisions.