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Dear Sir,

1. Application by Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Triton Knoll Electrical System EN020019.
2. Viking Link Interconnector Link Interface Proposal.

I am expressing my concern as an interested party within the local communities affected by these proposals and support the aims of the Triton Knoll Cable Group.

I have noted that due to the representations already made, PINS's Initial assessment of the principles issues set before the Examining Authority, has acknowledged the absolute necessity, for an investigation-assessment of the potential cumulative Environmental Impacts arising from the Viking Link Interconnector project proposed by National Grid, within the terms of the Triton Knoll Cable route DCO Examination.

I along with many others, strongly assert that the potential Viking Link project will cause additional environmental damage undersea, at the proposed sensitive coastal landing point at Anderby Creek, (or the event of the second unlikely option in The Wash), along the length of the targeted agricultural land area of Lincolnshire and especially the National Grid connection infrastructure, within the Parishes of Orby and Bicker Fen.

Whilst there is evidence that N.G. is intending to press on regardless, by mapping these two alternative cabling routes, (see attached maps) we draw to your attention to the fact that there has been **NO** publically identifiable processes of published public, community, or interested parties consultation by N.G. This is unacceptable.

The only indication of any details of the Viking Link project by N.G. is a highly technical '*SO Submission to Cap and Floor*' report published on 14 December 2014, submitted to Ofgem, with indicative details of the proposed GB Transmission Network routes proposed by NG. The technical data contained in this report is completely unintelligible to average person, impacted by these joint schemes. This report also contains the proposed route maps referred to above.

The government has stated that full consultation on the N.G. Viking Link scheme must take place. **We jointly consider that this is a serious matter and that the lack of consultation prior to the commencement of Examination of RWE's proposed Triton Knoll cable route, will result in not only the N.G. Viking Link project being subject to Judicial Review, but this Examination as well.**

We are aware that requests for further information have not achieved any results thus far and mirrors the unacceptable consultation by RWE, which has been raised by other

interested local parties as an issue to be considered by the Examination, throughout whole length of the cabling route proposed for these schemes.

It would appear that with the very short Examination timescales available for the consideration of all of the intrinsic aspects of the Triton Knoll project, it will not be possible for the Examining Panel or any interested parties to assess all the necessary information from N.G. on the Viking Link proposal and then to fully assess the cumulative impacts arising from both of these schemes, by any of the affected interested parties or communities.

There is evidence that RWE & N. G. have not adequately assessed the alternative grid connection transmission routes to avoid the proposed unjustified adverse impacts, the Triton Knoll and Viking Link Interconnector could connect to the national grid near Grimsby, where ample capacity has become available.

In view of these totally unacceptable matters, I and a significant number of interested parties to this now flawed and compromised Examination process, respectfully request that **actions are immediately taken to revoke all of the Triton Knoll Examination procedures, until full and proper consultations are undertaken and completed jointly by RWE and N.G.**

Further-more I consider that any alternative proposal for the N.G. Viking Link Interconnector to be routed through the highly sensitive and protected coastal area of the Wash, which includes all of the following designations within its confines; SAC's, (Special Area of Conservation) SPA's, (Special Protection Areas) RAMSAR sites, SSSI sites and NNR sites, is unacceptable on environmental grounds.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Name & Signature..

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