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RWE Triton Knoll Electrical System ENO20019

Dear Sirs, **Response to Written Representations by the NFU**

Routing

Local residents support the NFU position that the proposed cabling across Lincolnshire is unacceptable due to environmental damage and loss of high grade agricultural land (against government policy). The connection should be at Killingholme or an alternative coastal available capacity site, which already exist.

Land Drainage / Flooding risk

There is no doubt that Bicker Fen land is sinking. My house raft is now 4" above the level of surrounding land, this occurring in the last 13 years. In addition, at the time of National Grid constructing their new sub station a few years ago. Substantial remedial construction work had to be undertaken on N.G's 400 kv towers because they were sinking into Bicker fen. A number of houses in the Bicker Fen area have had to be abandoned and / or demolished because of subsidence, due to sinking land in the area. Almost all of Bicker Fen area is at sea level or up to 3 feet above sea level, and the flood risk is increasing. This is because the Environment Agency is closing the last two (out of five) major pumps which presently drain Bicker, and other, local fens. In the light of the above it is completely unacceptable to construct yet more industrial apparatus on the fen. Roads are severely damaged, sinking and generally very poor condition.

Consultation.

Residents in this area confirm that the supposed consultation by TKOWFL has been seriously flawed and totally inadequate.

Cumulative Effect (Against government policy)

There is no doubt that despite their protestations National Grid has their plans for the Viking Link finalised and knows full well where they hope the proposed landfall and route is to go. This information is being hidden to avoid scrutiny and protests across Lincolnshire. N.G. hopes that if the TKOWFL wiring is agreed across Lincolnshire, a precedent will be set and make the refusal of another cable across Lincolnshire that more difficult.

Response to written representations by Boston Borough Council

In the event that the TKOWFL scheme is approved by the P.I., there are very serious implications for residents in this area due to the proposed traffic. Whilst TKOWFL has stated that all their traffic will use the new roads to be built off the A17 (which must be included as a planning condition) N.G. has repeatedly refused to tell residents, our M.P. or M.E.P. the level of their traffic for the work on the existing sub station, or the traffic route. I was told in writing that the cabling works would be minimal, but this is untrue. N.G. is now talking of a 12 month scheme and many thousands of vehicles. Boston B.C. is correct in finding their figures highly suspect in the light of the previous scheme, when traffic was between 4 & 5 times the level advised at the time of seeking planning permission. This area suffered 355000 vehicles, including 155000 speeding, as measured

by Lincolnshire County Council's Archer System. N.G. refuses to advise their traffic route for the TKOWFL scheme. Residents suffered shocking levels of abuse by N.G., and their contractors relating to broken planning conditions, traffic noise, diesel fumes, dirt, mud, broken promises in respect of road cleaning, wheel washes, traffic routes and times. This area desperately needs protection from N.G., and confirm we fully support Boston B.C.'s stance. Residents need N.G. and W.P.D. to use the new access tracks to be built by TKOWFL. Existing roads from Bicker to the fen are in very poor condition, repeatedly sinking despite numerous repairs, and totally unsuitable to access the N.G. and Western Power Distribution existing sub stations. The existing Cowbridge Road has services on one side and wind turbine wiring on the other. It is 9-10 feet wide so vehicles cannot pass. The road is already well used, albeit variable seasonally, by heavy tractors / trailers, 40 ton lorries going to produce sheds and traffic from N.G., W.P.D. and E.D.F., and other businesses. Previously during construction residents had their water supply broken 57 times, and had to call the police 210 times for a range of speeding, dangerous driving, threatening behaviour, accidents etc etc. Residents only hope of protection is from Boston Borough Councils proposed Article 4 Direction, which we fully support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D.J. Bowler

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