

From: [Anthony Cox](#)
To: [Triton Knoll Electrical System](#)
Subject: 151210 EN020019 Cllr Anthony Cox - Comments on National Grid Viking Link Limited"s pre-consultation approach to Anderby Parish Council
Date: 10 December 2015 13:20:03

Dear TKES Case Team

cc Kath for file

Please see today's email thread below.

I am writing to express my sincere concern that Viking Link should choose to approach my community: 1. after the 3rd deadline for TKES and before a planning decision has been made, and; 2. before their own public consultation programme commences.

Whilst I realise the Examining Authority cannot provide advice as to whether to invite them to our Parish Council meeting, it implies to me that they appear to be offering some special, pre-consultation, treatment - whilst at the same time assuming their landfall is to be at Anderby Creek. Or, they are simply attempting to benefit from the ongoing TKES process in some way perhaps.

I remember their representative at the TKES hearing stated that their route was yet to be determined, but he was less forthcoming about their number one choice landfall at Anderby Creek and he did not refute that fact under close examination by the panel. Clearly keeping their options open subject to the TKES outcome I believe.

I didn't speak to anyone after the hearing who thought that Viking Link did not intend to 'piggy back' on a successful application by TKES.

I am not comfortable with this approach to my Council and I feel that, after hearing the 'smoke and mirrors' they attempted at the recent hearing at Skegness, they are not to be trusted. I mentioned at the time to colleagues that if evidence to the hearing was on oath, they would have perjured themselves to the Examiners and were caught out only by very skillful examination.

I may reserve the right to take them up on their offer to attend our Parish Council meeting if they meet certain conditions. If only to have the opportunity to challenge their intentions and methodology, face-to-face, in adversarial style rather than inquisitorial in due course.

Please put this email and my sincere concerns about this approach on record as part of the TKES hearing documents.

Yours sincerely

Anthony (Tony) Cox
Chair, Anderby Parish Council

From: Kathleen Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2015 08:36
To: Anthony Cox
Subject: Fw: National Grid, Viking Link

Hi Tony
What do you think? Should we invite them to the January meeting?
Kath

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From: vikinglink <vikinglink@communityrelations.co.uk>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 December 2015, 14:10
Subject: National Grid, Viking Link

Dear Mrs Hayes

Thank you for your time when I called recently to request the opportunity for members of the Viking Link project team to meet your Parish Council.

As you are aware, Viking Link is a proposal to build a high voltage direct current (HVDC) electricity interconnector between Bicker Fen in Lincolnshire and a substation in southern Jutland, in Denmark.

The project is being jointly developed by National Grid through National Grid Viking Link Limited and its other subsidiaries, and Energinet.dk which owns, operates and develops the Danish electricity and gas transmission systems.

As mentioned on the phone, we are at a very early stage and we would like to come and meet with the Parish Council to introduce the project and find out more about the local area and what's important to you and your parishioners.

We would like to meet with your Parish Council in January if possible to hear your thoughts before we start our public consultation programme in February/March.

I noted that your next meeting is scheduled for the 18th January. Please let me know if it would be convenient for us to attend or if you would prefer a separate date.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Donna

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