

Full Transcript of Oral Submission for the Open Floor Hearing 2
On behalf of Mr Robin Jefferies
Owner of Mill View Farm
Registration Identification Number 20025045

I purchased Mill View Farm in 1998 some 22 years ago and have invested significantly in the property. I lived there for 10 years in a [REDACTED] before letting the units.

I originally purchased the property due to its close proximity to my parents at [REDACTED] and my work in the family business. The farm has a beautiful country location, is very quiet and peaceful. It was always my intention to build [REDACTED] there and [REDACTED] the farm for evermore and [REDACTED].

I have multiple occupiers on the land, with two mobile homes uses as permanent dwellings, part of the yard is used by a builder/scaffolder and the stables and fields used to run an equestrian yard. All of this is threatened by Aquinds proposals.

I strongly object to a very large industrial building, directly in the views of where I intend to build my house. Losing two acres of land from my already small and diversified farm will have significant impact.

The person who rents the livery is furious that nobody from Aquind has contacted her, she has said by losing part of the land she will probably not be sustainable to continue her business and will have to find somewhere else.

Aquind's intention to build such a huge building of an industrial nature would cause a negative, visual and noise impact on us but the building operation would go on for years and the running of it would have many environmental issues operating in a rural setting.

Aquind has had very little contact with me in regards to losing part of my land and the visual impact on me, there is still a huge amount of unknown, which Aquind has not given any clarity. This is the wrong location for the inter-connector and so there for I hope that the secretary of state will not grant them the Development Consent Order they need.