

Full Transcript of Oral Submission for the Open Floor Hearing 2

On behalf of Mr & Mrs Jefferies

Owner of Hillcrest

Registration Identification Number 20025044

We moved into [REDACTED] in 1987, we are a family of five, with 3 sons, who enjoyed the out-doors, have all grown up and worked [REDACTED]. We have run our family business from the workshops within the property and our Grand-Daughter lives [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the center of our family life.

It is our [REDACTED], which we had worked hard to afford to buy, it had land to the rear and the side of the property, ideal for outdoor activities, a working yard area with existing workshops and large rear garden, which we later had a swimming pool built in addition. It has an elevated position overlooking the South Downs, on a very quiet country lane.

It was to be a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] our forever [REDACTED].

The main appeal of buying 'Hillcrest' was the location, the land with it and the outstanding views, from the rear of the house; as far reaching to the sea of the Solent on a clear day.

It was our intention to retire here and when the time came, to be passed on to our children and kept in the family for their benefit.

We have enjoyed [REDACTED] up until now and benefiting from the use of our land for 33 years.

The proposal of the converter station would have a negative impact on our principle view from the veranda and two balconies to rear of our property, which we look out onto every day.

We feel strongly that Aquinds proposed plans are totally inappropriate for the countryside and should be nowhere near a residential setting, such as our home and its curtilage.

Aquind intentions to build such a huge building of an industrial nature would cause not only a negative visual and noise impact on us, but the building operation of it would go on for years and the running of it would have many environmental issues operating in a rural setting, this would affect a continual disturbance on us and our fellow neighbours.

This would ultimately lead to stress and destroy our peace and quiet.

The stress on us already imposed from this whole planning process has been dreadful. My wife and I are [REDACTED] and are supposed to be enjoying our retirement.

I would also like to point out that if we wished to move to avoid such disturbance and negative impact on our views, we would struggle to find a house like ours again.

We live in a very desirable part of the South of England, with house and land prices well above the national average.

It is extremely rare to purchase a property of our type with all its permissions already in place, within the curtilage of a residential dwelling.

Even if we decided to move now, or before any work took place, or in the future the market value of our house has now been significantly decreased because of your proposals.

Aquind have failed to listen to us, their communication has been terrible and we hope that the proposal is rejected by the sectary of state.