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YORKSHIRE GREEN ENERGY ENABLEMENT

National Grid Electricity Transmission

Written representations on behalf of B W & F K Rab of Newlands Farm, Wigginton, York, YO32 2RG

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THE WRITTEN REPRESENTATION.

- 1. My clients do not object to the project.
- 2. My clients object to the proposed location of the Sealing End Compounds at Newlands Farm, Wigginton.
- 3. The family purchased Newlands Farm in March 2018, as edged red on plan 1 which extended to approximately 322 acres, at that time it was an arable farm with bed and breakfast pigs. The family had been looking for a farm for some time to create a dairy farm capable of carrying 1,000 cows over time. Newlands Farm was the ideal farm being all in a ring fence 1 mile in land with no public rights of way crossing the holding. The existing farm buildings were modified to house followers and a new cow yard was erected which included 2 robotic milking machines. 116 cows arrived in July 2019. The business plan was to increase the cow numbers in steps as follows:-
 - 350 cows by June 2022 (this was accomplished).
 - 450 cows by June 2023 (this was accomplished in November 2022).
 - 750 cows in 2024.
 - 1,000 cows in 2027

In order to achieve this (please refer to plan 2 attached).

Building no 1 is an umbrella building providing cubicles for 350 cows, a 44 rotary parlour, dairy, bulk milk tanks, stores and office. This was completed in June 2022.

At the same time as this the 3 Earth wall silage clamps are to be constructed; these are Buildings no 4 on the plan. Following discussions with Yorkshire Green, instead of having a row of 3 silage pits, the third one, closest to the proposed location of the Sealing End Compound was turned 90 degrees so the 3 pits are now in an "L" formation. This has a knock on effect to building number 3.

Building No 2 is a cubicle building for 300 cows and is due to be completed during 2024.

Building No 3 is a cubicle building for 300 cows and is due to be completed during 2026. Due to the relocation of the third silage pit this building can no longer be:-

- a) Located in the original location.
- b) Built as originally designed.

Both of these will increase the costs of this building.

Building No 5 is an Anaerobic Digester which will provide all the power for the farm, this will be the last of the buildings to be built.

- 4. Bearing in mind the above we make the following points:-
 - 4.1) The location of the northern Sealing End Compound completely prevents the future logical expansion of the business which was planned when the farm was purchased.
 - 4.2) By having each Sealing End Compound in different fields ruins 2 fields where as if they are put in the same field then at least only one field is ruined.
 - 4.3) The family are extremely concerned about the Health issues with having the Sealing End Compound so close to their home and work place and the dairy buildings.
- 5. On plan 2 there are 2 alternative locations which take into account the family's business expansion plans and provide Yorkshire Green with the same solution. These proposals were submitted in the Consultation Feedback on the 14th April 2022, YG have chosen not to take into account my clients concerns and have continued with their original proposal.
- 6. My clients request a site meeting with the Planning Inspectors to show them the layout of the farm, Towers 2TW169, YR040, YR039 and YR038 and therefore the site inspection may take an hour and a half.

Farm Plan

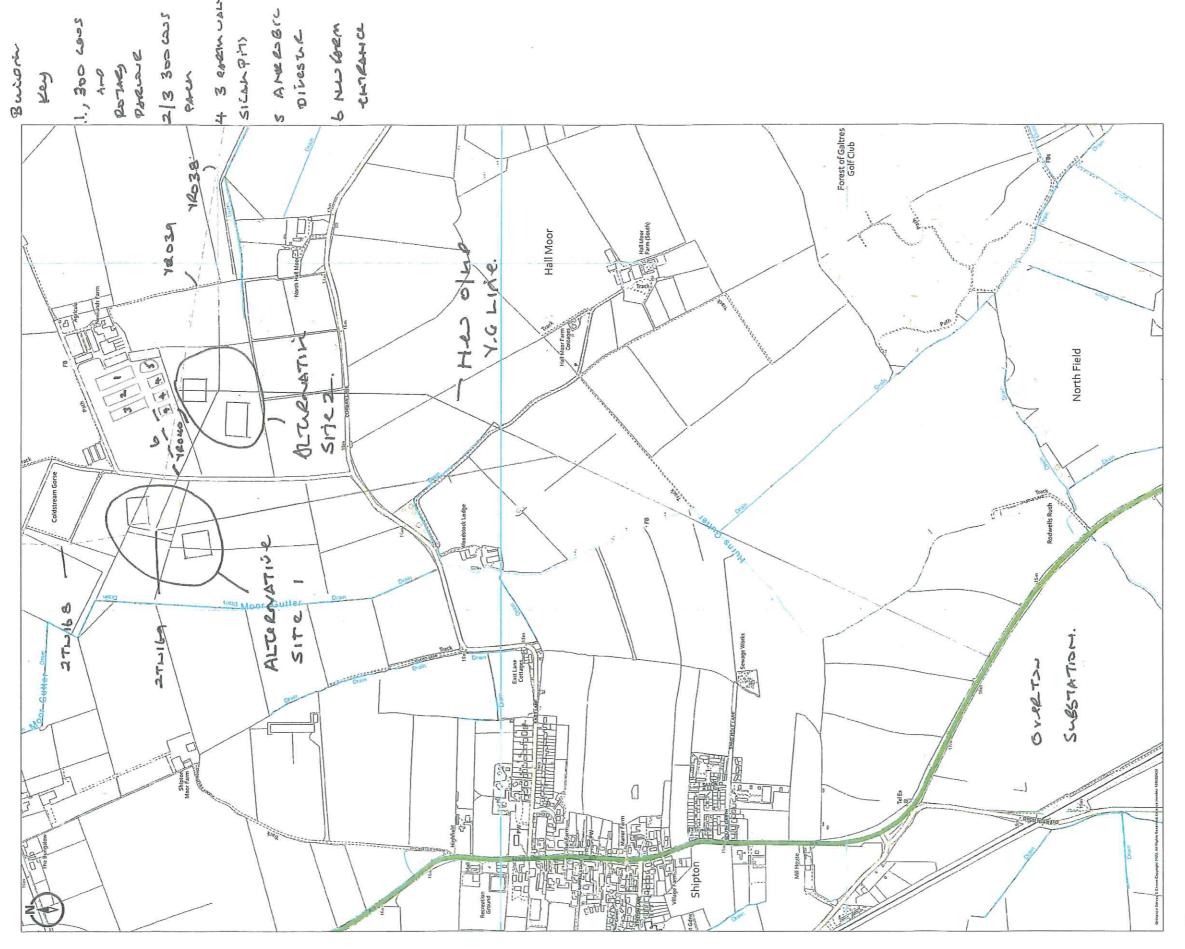


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