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Dear Sir/Madam

Please see attached Written Representation.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir,

Our land will be affected if the pipeline is constructed and we wish to make the following representations:

- The proposed pipeline crosses through some 3,200m of our land. We understand that the inevitable effect on our farming business will be compensated. Nevertheless the pipe, which cuts right through the heart of our farm, is a very concerning prospect for us.
- Our land comprises productive soils which are classified primarily as both Grade 2 on the Natural England Land Classification map. The soils are versatile and capable of growing high yielding crops of cereals, proteins and oilseed rape. The route of the pipeline generally crosses high grade agricultural land being Grade 1 to the south of the pipeline, running up to Grade 3 more generally towards the east of the pipeline. With there being such pressure on land for food production we are concerned as to the amount of land that will be taken out whilst this pipe is being constructed.
- The pipe is only proposed to be laid at 1.2m depth and we are concerned that this is deep enough for sub-soiling and other agricultural operations.
- We have spent a considerable amount of money in draining the land in order to improve its productive capacity. We understand that reinstatement will be carried out on the land but are concerned that the applicant employs a suitably qualified agricultural drainage contractor so as to avoid future problems of waterlogging and compaction.
- Our land is situated at the top of the drainage system and we are concerned at the possibility of extra water being drained from the land as a result of the scheme which then may 'back up' due to the extra volume of water and inevitable debris/silt/sludge in the drainage system. What assurances can the applicant give as to how this will be managed?
- We are concerned that agreements are being sought from landowners in connection with the DCO for this scheme, which comprises only the pipeline. The proposed coal fired power station and carbon capture equipment at Drax Power Station forms part of a separate DCO. What assurances can the applicant give that the two schemes will join up?
- What measures are in place to decommission the pipe and ensure its safe removal following decommissioning?
- There have been a number of wind turbines erected in the locality recently and indeed our land has been of interest to developers. We are keen to safeguard our land for future generations so that it can be developed, as appropriate. It seems

unjust to us that if the pipe is decommissioned and not removed this could prevent future development without compensation.

- We are concerned that the applicant's Statement of Reasons gives the limit of deviation of up to 100m wide. We know from experience that the applicant has carried out a number of surveys across our land and do not understand why such a large limit of deviation is required.

Yours faithfully

Dee Atkinson & Harrison for and on behalf of  
PH & AJ Blacker t/a BB Farms Ltd