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Your reference TR010035

Our reference (as an interested party) 20021754

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Dear Sirs,

**A585 Windy Harbour to Skipool Improvement Scheme  
and  
5.2 Flood Risk Assessment (REP2 – 024)**

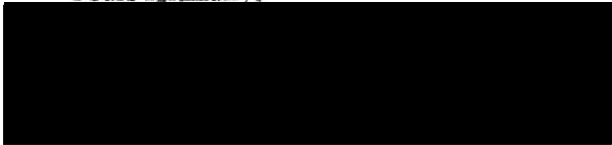
You have not responded to any degree to our letter of 27<sup>th</sup> June.

We repeat material questions and make further observations:-

1. Please supply the identity and contact details of the parties who supplied the advice to Arcadis in which the Flood Risk Assessment (with particular reference to page 5 of the Flood Risk Assessment).
2. Without any opportunity to assess the basis of the information on which the Flood Risk Assessment is founded we remain of the view that the indicators of future tidal height and of tidal surge has been grossly underestimated. We cannot believe that the Inspector may make an informed decision without being totally satisfied as to the basis of the information on which his decision will be based.
3. The Flood Risk Assessment indicates that it is impractical to defend Thornton, Cleveleys and Fleetwood from future flooding but no grounds have been proposed on which that conclusion is based (Flood Risk Assessment at page 47). Without detailed costings of ALL schemes designed to prevent future flooding that conclusion is unsustainable. Consideration of such costings should include a comparison with other (completed) Flood Defence Schemes and we have already made reference to the Netherlands Defence Schemes but without any comment or response from the Inspector.

4. We require you to publish future predicted tidal heights for (say) 25, 50, 75 and 00 years hence, together with the basis of the information on which those predictions are based. We would then intend to show the extent to which the area subject to flooding from the River Wyre will flood – and consequently the extent to which the proposed road improvements will be ineffective.
5. We have already acknowledged that our particular concern is that flooding can and should be prevented on both sides of the River Wyre including the A585 which is the only road off the peninsula.
6. Our proposition for a tidal barrier (including the generation of electrical power from the natural movement of the tides) has wide support in the area and beyond and should be installed and become operative at the mouth of the River Wyre at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,



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(For and with the authority of FREE)