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Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

National Infrastructure Planning  
Temple Quay House  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**DEADLINE 2 – APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR A DCO FOR THE A1 IN  
NORTHUMBERLAND – MORPETH – ELLINGHAM  
WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS**

I write in regards to the above and Deadline 2 and on behalf of the landowners and occupiers that we have previously notified you that we act on behalf of.

We apologise for the delay in submitting this written representation. We had hoped that matters would have been agreed with Highways England but there are some specific issues that we require to make representations on. We have been in discussion with Highways England but we are still to reach agreement and this has not been helped by the current restrictions in place.

We have already submitted representations previously to Highways England and the points in those representations remain.

The following representations relate to all our clients that we represent and that are affected by the points below.

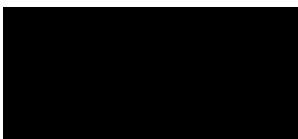
Our representations are as follows:

1. The landowners and land occupiers are concerned about the drainage of the land and the impact of the works on drainage of surrounding land. We would request that an independent drainage consultant be appointed before any works commence and both a pre- and post-drainage scheme is designed and built in conjunction with the land occupier and HE. We hope this is a point that can be agreed by HE, but we await confirmation.
2. There are a number of service roads being built, namely to Rock South Farm, West Link Hall and Charlton Hall. HE have confirmed that these will be adopted by the Local Authority but we require evidence of confirmation by the Local Authority that this is the case. If the Local Authority are not willing to adopt these roads, then we object to them being a privately maintainable road due to large volumes of traffic that will be using these roads.
3. We are concerned that the submitted plans show that certain areas of vegetation are being removed, even though we have had verbal confirmation that this is not the case by HE. We require an amendment to these areas or clarification of what will be removed. The trees provide a vital screen and we had been assured that these will remain.

4. Our main representation relates to the relocation of the 66kV cable serving the wind farm. We have previously made submissions that we consider the additional land take to be unnecessary. Firstly, the application made by HE is not clear as to what they required; they seem to have reserved the right to 2 different options and routes. They have subsequently confirmed that they wish to acquire the permanent land take option to us personally, but we are not certain if this has been communicated to the Planning Inspectorate, we consider this necessary to be able to provide clarity when making representations going forward. So firstly we require clarification from HE on which option they are pursuing. We do not agree that the taking of this additional land is necessary. The acquiring authority should only acquire land that is necessary, and we have been in discussion with the acquiring authority as to whether this is necessary. We received a without prejudice letter from HE and so are unable to disclose the contents, but I can confirm that we are not in agreement at present. We do not consider it necessary to compulsorily acquire this additional area and we have provided representations to this effect previously. We have provided our reasoning to HE as to why this is not necessary. I'm not sure if we need to do that now or whether we wait for the Hearings? Please can you advise. We are confident that there is another option available that would not require the additional land take and none of the reasons we have been provided by HE would be considered as reasonable for compulsory acquisition purposes. We are providing HE with our legal representations view in the forth coming week and we would hope that matters may be resolved, but we may require to speak further on this during the hearings.

We anticipate that some of these matters can be resolved prior to the scheduled hearings. If that is the case, then we shall be able to withdraw these representations to be able to save time and costs.

Yours faithfully



Louis Fell MRICS