

Brown & Co LLP are retained by George Hay And Sons Ltd, Wykeham Abby, The Chase, Wykeham, Spalding, PE12 6HE have been instructed to make this Representation objecting to ODOW's DCO application on their behalf. This representation is made in supplement to the initial representation made by George Hay And Sons Ltd in accordance with deadline one.

George Hay And Sons Ltd is a family farming business growing root, vegetable and cereal crops in the Weston Marsh area of Lincolnshire. This area being heavily affected by the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project and the associated National Grid substation.

George Hay And Sons Ltd have engaged extensively with the scheme, being invited to enter into two separate Heads of Terms agreements by Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind development. The first agreement relating to the known electric connector cable route (ECC), and the second referring to a much larger blanket heads of terms agreement.

The northerly cable route's heads of terms have been accepted by my client, being considered a fair and reasonable economic terms over a known area, and while the legal agreement is yet to be exchanged the terms are largely agreed. Separately, the blanket heads of terms document relates to an option area extending to approximately 195 acres, in which the scheme are seeking rights to construct anywhere within. The terms offered by the scheme to enter into an option for these rights were derisory and disproportionate to those offered and agreed on the known cable route. Understandably George Hay And Sons Ltd did not feel able to enter into any form of agreement on the terms provided.

The location of the National Grid substation has yet to be confirmed, and while ODOW's proposal relies on connection to this substation it is also important to consider that this is only one scheme and connection point that will affect George Hay And Sons Ltd property.

Currently the only infrastructure on the property of George Hay And Sons Ltd comprises of two overhead high voltage power lines. However George Hay And Sons Ltd are aware of at least six proposed schemes coming into Weston Marsh and perhaps as many as eight connecting into the substation.

The cumulative effect of the schemes on the family farming business will be significant and permanently alter the character of the area. Whist George Hay And Sons Ltd will continue to work collaboratively with ODOW and other projects it is important to consider that there are a number of others due to cross at the farm.

For ODOW to seek to acquire such a large option area overreaches the reasonable levels of flexibility of the scheme , being the primary basis of this representation. George Hay And Sons Ltd request both this and the wider impact of a significant number of schemes crossing their holding are taken into consideration during the Examining Authority's review and decision making process.

Should the Examining Authority require any additional information in relation to this representation, please contact Daniel Jobe of Brown & Co LLP