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## **Dear Sirs**

What is the point of the examination exercise when the developer is clearly pursuing its own interest and will bend anything to that end? There is no feedback from the examiners during the examination so those who make representations have no way of knowing if they are wasting their time. Having reviewed the developer's responses to Relevant Representations it seems pointless making representations because there are no responsible answers.

Because of the way the consultation was conducted the local population went into the examination already demoralised and feeling that the odds are so stacked against them and that there is little point in opposing it - especially now they have learned that it appears to be acceptable for the developer to exclude information provided by them at the consultation stage and ignore it and them with equanimity.

The majority of the local population who are 99% against the proposal are intimidated and feel unable to contribute. The whole exercise appears to be stacked in favour of the applicant. Does the examiner have the authority to compel the applicant to answer the questions put by both professionals and other interested parties constructively? Does the examiner believe their responses amount to professional engagement?

I give but one example - in answering questions from the EA the applicant deliberately claims that Item 5.1.2 of the third meeting with the EA (Appendix A3 of the FRA) gives them the right to avoid all modelling when it was clearly meant for only narrow purposes. This is clearly a fine the process. How long should it be allowed to go on?

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Yours faithfully

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