

ISH2 – Summary of oral representation made under agenda 3.1 – dDCO

Sporle with Palgrave Parish Council represented by [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

1. Cumulative Impact:

Sporle PC have consistently highlighted the issues of the cumulative impact of both the Drovers and High Grove projects. We were grateful for both developers' willingness to meet us and Castle Acre PC in July to discuss the cumulative issues raised by both projects. We are hoping these discussions will continue following this examination and as High Grove develops its plans towards submitting a DCO application.

Sporle PC would ask the ExA and Applicant if there are any ways the dDCO could be strengthened to ensure that the "smooth transition" the Applicant speaks about in paragraph 7.2.32 of the oLEMP will actually take place. That this strengthening of the dDCO would not just be in terms of the landscape and visual issues but also traffic issues in the light of the high probability now of construction taking place at the same time and also other issues around wildlife and biodiversity.

2. Sourcing of solar panels and batteries:

Sporle PC note that the Applicant was asked whether their commitments through the Solar Stewardship Initiative for an ethical and sustainable supply of solar panels and batteries could be secured in the dDCO. This was in EXQ2 Q4.0.1. The response by the Applicant was very clear that membership of the initiative could not be secured in the dDCO. Our question to the ExA and the Applicant is there any other way this could be secured? This is particularly important in order to assure residents that everything is being done to make sure that the scheme they are being asked to accept is both sustainably and ethically sourced.

3. Landowners:

In response to a suggestion by Sporle PC of the possibility of a preconstruction cull of deer included within the oOEMP, the Applicant did not consider it necessary and considered that this was a matter for landowners. As a general question is it possible for landowners whose land is being used for the development to be required to comply to any matters laid down in the DCO or for the DCO to include matters specifically aimed at their responsibilities as landowners? We ask this on the basis that landowners are set to gain very significant financial benefit from the scheme.