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Dear Sir / Madam,

Wick Farm, Ardleigh - Deadline 1

Interested Party Reference No: [REDACTED]

I am the agent acting on behalf of the Blyth family (hereafter referred to as "Client") who own and reside at Wick Farm, Wick Lane, Ardleigh (the "Property").

My Client and I first met with Fisher German (Agent acting on behalf of National Grid ("the Applicant")) in August 2023. The meeting provided an opportunity for my Client and I to gain a better understand of the Applicants proposals and the effect it will have on my Clients Property.

During the meeting, a number of concerns were raised about the Applicant's proposal.

My Client's Property is located within an area of strong sand and gravel interest. This is evidenced by the fact that historically, my Client owned the land south of Wick Lane which was sold to SRC and who established Crown Quarry.

More recently, SRC has been promoting the land north of Wick Lane as an extension to Crown Quarry. The area is approximately 23.19 hectares and is proposed for 1 million tons of sand and gravel extraction, with processing and distribution from the adjacent Crown Quarry processing plant.

Accordingly, my Client will shortly be entering into an Option Agreement with SRC to acquire the site, subject to planning. SRC has already undertaken ground investigation surveys.

We have been incredibly open and transparent with the Applicant and its Agent during consultation meetings and have referred to the change of use opportunities on the Property in non-statutory consultation responses. The opportunity is of great significance to my client; however, the Applicant's proposal sees the pylon line constructed overground and dissect the proposed quarry.

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Despite persistent requests to move the pylon line to the north of the Property, there has been no engagement whatsoever on this and we are now in a position where the Applicant has submitted a planning application which continues to show the proposed pylon route going through the middle of my Client's potential quarry site.

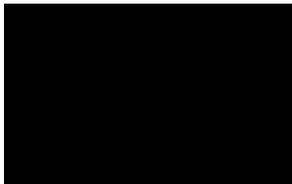
In 2015, Anglian Water approached my Client to lay a new water main through the Property but after further discussions on the potential quarry opportunity, Anglian Water respected such concerns and laid its water main around the northern boundary of the Property. More recently, Anglian Water has again approached my Client to lay a further water main (as part of the Anglian Water SPA project). Again, Anglian Water has been very understanding of the potential quarry opportunity and respects that my Client will shortly be entering into an Option Agreement with SRC and that the land has been promoted as part of the Essex Minerals Local Plan. Accordingly, Anglian Water has realigned its pipe to go around the northern element of the property, thus minimising as much sand and gravel loss as possible.

The Applicant has made no attempt to mitigate the financial implications it will cause for my Client, and therefore we are left no option but to submit this written representation to you to detail our situation.

We request as a matter of priority and urgency that the route of the pylons is moved as far north as possible so my client can still realise the commercial opportunity of the land north of Wick Farm.

We have been incredibly disappointed with the lack of engagement shown by the Applicant and its Agent on this matter and request that the proposed pylon route is reconsidered.

Yours faithfully



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