

## Tritton Farming Partnership LLP Open Hearing Speech:

Charles Tritton, representing Tritton Farming Partnership LLP, its members, affiliated parties such as Lowleys Farm and Lions Hall Mineral Site, referred to as “TFP” here. Located between Fairstead and Great Waltham, Essex, pylons TB118 to TB131 on NG interactive map, which is not up to date on TFP land.

Approx 2% of the pylons and length of route are on TFP land and includes extended enlarged red corridor.

### 1. The N-T pylon route has significant impact on the business: Some, but not all are listed here

- a. Lowleys Farm Minerals – c10m tons of high commercial value. Simon Treacy will expand after me.
- b. Chatham Green housing development –high value location, adjoins the proposed Chelmsford North East Bypass, close to new Beaulieu train station, near new Chelmsford Garden Community.
- c. Significant devaluation of the farm and its existing housing stock will occur because of the pylon route.
- d. There are significant implications for farming operations during and post construction.

### 2. Engagement with NG

- a. TFP has made representations and sought meetings with NG at every stage of this project as housing and minerals and other points plans predated route announcement.
- b. There have been 3 meetings with NG including last Friday. The last two meetings have both been a week before the open hearings. Historically progress is painstakingly slow so far despite tight deadlines and importance.
- c. The last turn of the SOCG took NG nearly 8 weeks, having asked us to turn it around previously in 48 hours after previous meeting. NG appear unreasonably slow in responding to questions and are proposing Deadline 7 for Resolutions.
- d. Standard heads of terms sent via postal mail and TFP agent has requested soft copies, these have not been received. Generic not specific across and across whole legal across multiple Title numbers and not just land required.

### 3. Current scope of objections

Objections are:

- a. Last week NG said regarding NG Great Waltham Alternative Route it will “evaluate through its established internal processes. This will allow their feasibility to be

understood without their need to provide detailed cost information.” consultation TFP remain strongly of the opinion that is much more suitable, cheaper and less impactful on heritage and people. More compliant with Holford with Shetl Clarifications. Both major landowners affected on the Alternative Route (Micklem & Tritton) and Chelmsford City Council all agree with this re-routing

- b. The red line corridor was enlarged to accommodate an alternative very local Route B, in addition to Route A, to reduce, not avoid, mineral and housing sterilisation. In the absence of larger changes to the route proposed by TFP, TFP is supportive of Route B as NG claim to be. This enlargement follows discussions with NG but no designs have been finalised or released yet several months later. The red corridor remains enlarged, which is not in TFP interests.
- c. This widened red corridor must be temporary and permanent rights MUST be reviewed and changed. Permanent rights are unsuitable at present for Route A as too many and all parallel over housing and mineral areas. Even more unsuitable with Route B. TFP have suggested alternative permanent rights routes to the pylons and NG suggested it made sense. NG stated last week it will review.
- d. There is a large area near the A131 and away from both pylon routes in red corridor. It is not a “compound” yet it is for construction and access purposes with “no permanent rights”. This is an important area for TFP as it provides TFP with roundabout access to the new CNEB. Greater clarity on this
- e. Post construction the farming will be badly affected because of TFP having small fields combined with a 30m drilling system. requires over 100m width for each pylon. Significant number of fields will be affected and become uncommercial to farm.
- f. HOTs do not cover many other issues including housing of members etc for example affected by route but not in pylons.
- g. Compulsory Acquisitions Powers should only apply to required land, minimise the present red corridor too large, and too many permanent rights, many unsuitable, are subject to CPO.
- h. The SOCG and HOTs should be accelerated so that the Applicant should not rely on CPO powers they are asking PINS to grant

4. Temporary Possession Powers – these are excessive, especially road closures.

- a. During construction work various roads are closed including three protected lanes on TFP land: Goodmans Lane, Paulk Haul Lane and Boreham Road. This is a disaster for the farming business as the main farm buildings will be land locked by A131, Goodmans Lane and the haul road. Its members including one [REDACTED] will be house locked. Only 5 fields out of 50+ fields will be able to be farmed if roads are closed during construction period.

