

I am a resident of the rural village of Freckleton and again, I am expressing my opposition to the siting of the proposed M & M (Morecambe & Morgan) wind farm. There is a cheaper and far less environmentally damaging route, of which the proposers are now fully aware, and I urge you to visit the area to see for yourselves.

M & M have been less than transparent with the people of Fylde, in fact it was only at the meeting in the Grand Hotel Blackpool last month, that we realised that they were 2 completely separate companies, and were not planning to be working in any kind of partnership. We were shocked to learn that, as separate companies the timeline of works could stretch to TEN years. TEN years of massive disruption on our rural roads. Please visit Lower Lane in Freckleton to appreciate just how ludicrous it would be to have it used by HGVs ... it is barely passable for 2 cars, the idea that it could accommodate HGVs is just ridiculous.

They plan to disrupt a sacred burial ground and devastate the habitat of untold species of wildlife on Lower Lane, this is reckless and totally avoidable.

There are two schools in close proximity to Lower Lane, Carr Hill High School and Strike Lane Primary school. Lower Lane links Freckleton to Kirkham and it is a necessary travel route, especially at school times when Kirkham road (the main Freckleton to Kirkham route), is often brought to a standstill, whilst parents & carers take their children to and from Strike Lane School.

I genuinely fear for the mental health of our residents, especially the children whose formative years are likely to be affected by the constant stress of noise and road closures; not to mention the incessant humming which will be transmitted from the massive substations which are to be erected in very close proximity to both the aforementioned schools.

Another rural road M&M propose to utilise is Hillock lane. Similar to Lower Lane it is narrow in places and two cars would not be able to pass each other, but M&M are proposing to use it for HGV traffic. Every winter that road is a mass of deep potholes, it cannot cope with car & van traffic, it will not cope with HGVs. Both roads regularly flood in heavy rain ... please visit to see for yourselves.

The affect these proposals will have on house prices in our area will be colossal, especially for the residents of Lower Lane ... and it is so unnecessary, because the alternative route would be far less environmentally damaging and massively less expensive.

M&M have demonstrated quite clearly that they have not thought this through adequately. They have focussed on their half baked plans and have refused to give credence to any alternative suggestion.

I urge you to do site visits to the areas that Blackpool & Fylde residents request, not just the sites M&M suggest.

Thank you

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