

As deadline 4 is also open to general submissions and not just action points I would like to inform the EXA of the following. I thank the EXA panel for allowing me action point 47, which I have addressed in a separate submission however I have another equally important issue I raised at SH2 that needs highlighting and addressing.

I brought up at the hearing the fact that our relationship with the applicant had now become irreparably damaged.

We had one meeting with Dalcour Maclaron at the start of the statutory consultation, not at their request by the way, we had to demand one. The junior representative who came had little knowledge on the project and continually had to apologise for his senior colleague, who could answer the questions, being unable to make the meeting. The only meaningful comment he made was to say we had no right to a view and as the project was not requiring our property or land that compensation would be hard for us to justify and from that day to now we have had no further contact from them.

Compensation is not what we are hoping for, what we are hoping for is a right to a peaceful home life and retirement in a property we have put our lives into.

Since then I have had to witness, my previously very mentally strong wife [REDACTED] become a mere shadow of her former self. The strain of all this worrying has very sadly seen a demise in her that is hard to watch and unless you have had experience of this yourself would be unimaginable. The effort it took for her to actually speak to you at SH2 was on its own remarkable knowing her present situation. She showed great courage to do that and it was a very proud moment for me. I know this DCO may not get granted but by the time the decision is made we will have had 3 years of this hell. It's not fair and it's not right, we have been treated as though we don't exist, surely our human rights exist from the start of this application, because that's when my wife started to go downhill and not just starting from when the construction starts, whenever that may be. Should it get passed then years of construction is incomprehensible. I have been affected enormously by this but have to stay as mentally strong as possible to support my family. I have had no support whatsoever and have been put in a position where I need to relocate for my family's sake but cannot now sell my home.

Our next and only the second contact that we had with the applicant was the 25th of June this year. I received a visit from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] representing Flotation Energy.

[REDACTED] took the main role and she was introduced as the senior colleague over [REDACTED]. Both presented themselves as very polite and pleasant. Regrettably they failed to mitigate the effects this is having on our Human Health and Mental Health issues and showed no compassion or solution regarding the situation they have left us in, it was all just a matter of fact.

The impression both Myself and my Wife got was this was purely a box ticking exercise in response to my written objective statement put to the EXA regarding Human Health issues.

[REDACTED] did most of the talking while [REDACTED] took notes on her laptop. I would say as the person who is probably the nearest to either substation, that their empathy towards us was sadly lacking so god help the receptors further up and further down Lower Lane.

They tried to convince us there would be nothing for us to worry about regarding any of our obvious issues relating to Noise, Dust, traffic, visual impacts and the impacts on our life etc. I have worked in the building and construction trade for [REDACTED] years, I know exactly what's coming down the line.

[REDACTED] showed me two maps of the Morecombe substation opposite our home. It was made to look like a smallish square building that would be of no real significance to our concerns, surrounded by trees to obscure the view, trees that are not even there by the way and would take 30 years to reach the height of the substations even if they were capable of growing that tall. See the picture shown to us in attachment 1 and the second map showing a difficult to see hand sketched shaded area on the map on attachment 2. This was nothing more than a smokescreen PR exercise and a futile attempt to appease us.

I then showed [REDACTED] the picture I had on my phone (see attachment 3) and asked [REDACTED] where that picture had come from as it had no resemblance to the one's he had just shown us. When asked where I had got it from I couldn't recall but [REDACTED] then went on to deny ever having seen it and that the picture he had shown me was the one I needed to accept as fact, I then showed it to [REDACTED] and she also denied ever having seen it.

Then while looking over [REDACTED] shoulder as she was scrolling through pictures, I asked her to start scrolling back, she was reluctant to do so and started to scroll forward, when I insisted she keep scrolling back, surprise surprise the exact same picture appeared on her laptop together with other pictures of the substations. They were both embarrassed to say the least and could not now deny not having seen the picture I had shown them. Out of sheer politeness and the fact my wife was visibly becoming more and more upset, I simply said I was very disappointed with them both for lying to us and brought the meeting to an end asap without instigating a confrontation as I could not now believe anything they had said previous or were going to say going forward. Had the wife not been there it may well have been a very different reaction from me.

Please compare the two pictures they showed to me to the one I showed them, together with the one put on the screen at SH2. The applicants profess to showing the community the worst case scenarios yet when you look at these pictures you will see they are incomparable and an insult to our intelligence.

I really hope that the applicants overall deplorable behaviour, not just to me but to everyone is addressed and they should all maybe be logged under a new appendix reference for everyone to see.

My wife's situation has become even more distressing due to this meeting and my email to [REDACTED] in response to this meeting left them in do doubt about my feelings.

Another issue I have is the following.

On the 23rd of August 1944, Freckleton experienced the worst single loss of life by a military aircraft disaster to date and throughout the whole of the second world war.

We lost 38 children, a whole generation gone, another 23 other lives lost including teachers, civilians and aircraft crew. We all know the truth about the potential cause for a bird strike and on this subject alone the DCO should not be approved.

Nobody knows exactly how these birds will react until the project starts which makes it impossible to mitigate.

Freckleton does not deserve this risk no matter how small you think it may be, nobody has the right to even attempt to mitigate it and I implore the panel not to put their name to abating another potential disaster for our community.

We don't need it and we don't want it and the applicants don't deserve it, we already have our fair share of industry to

deal with and this will destroy what's left of our village. A wind farm and the national grid may go together but this fails on the pure destruction between the wind farm and the grid. Unfortunately for the applicant the two are not close enough together to make this work and it is far too close to Warton Aerodrome.

Our community has spoken and they don't want this project, you cannot continue this journey without taking the community with you.

The majority of the community have been kept in the dark about this project yet there were still 2300 written objections at the first Have Your Say submission date which proves the community is against it. When you read them all, like I have, you wonder how this project has ever got to the stage we are at now.

And just a high level comment to finish off, I have recently returned from Copenhagen, whilst there and on an escorted tour of Copenhagen harbour, the narrator bragged about Copenhagen infrastructure Partners CIP being a world leader in renewables yet not allowing their greenbelt countryside and amenity land to be used for this. Copenhagen have no concerns for our countryside just our tax payer subsidies for a private enterprise that does not work as a standalone project. They would not be entertaining this project without tax payer CfD subsidies.

CfD subsidies are now set at record levels, way above the wholesale market price and could now be agreed over a 20year contract period. That is not energy security that is energy mismanagement that guarantees inflated prices for our country and a guaranteed profit for a foreign investment fund company with little regard for us, our village, Farmers and our greenbelt, just their investors. The government promised us that we would be a world leader in renewables, that's great, but surely that means energy built by us, owned by us and used by us. I realise the wholesale market is complex and that we export and import power on demand from the wholesale market however by offering CfD contracts we pay for the energy at inflated prices 24/7 365 days a year regardless of whether its producing or not. That cannot be right. If we owned the wind farms we would only be paying for the energy that we use as and when needed. Denmark is not offering comparable CfD contracts and they openly admit that our ambitious targets for 2030 and world leading CfD contracts are there to be taken advantage of and have no concern for the mess they leave behind them.

So for a Danish investment fund are we really going to risk another potential air disaster for our village, are we really going to risk children's lives, ruin resident's life's and homes, put our tax payers out of business, and destroy our dairy farmers, who for generations have looked after us.

I sincerely hope common sense prevails.

Kind regards

David Barlow

[Redacted signature]



Figure 1.3: Landscape strategy plan of Morecambe onshore substation site



