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Dear Sir/Madam,

having attended last week's presentations at FC Fylde, which raised more issues, I now find there are more reasons to object regarding the proposed infrastructure relating to the M&M offshore wind farm.

Your Project outlined some of the problems with local/national businesses etc, and recent changes, one of which actually affects me &, of which, I was totally unaware. This was the intention of the Project to move a site access on Leach Lane, St Annes. I live on Leach Lane and was totally unaware of this change & have received no notification. Even now, neither myself nor other residents have received notifications as to where this new access is moving from or to. No one seems to know where it was to have been. I think most assumed it would be the back entrance to the airport & this change now leads me to think it is possibly to be the recently expanded entrance to what was an old Brownies hut, which was enlarged to accommodate access for exploratory work, a year or so ago, due to this being a part of the airport signposted for a recently planned Solar Farm. Knowing how this project has worked I last night contacted a friend who lives almost opposite this area, and has received notifications in the past which I haven't, so basically your project restricts who it informs certain information to, limiting the number of residents who may have grounds to object. My friend informs me even she has not received any notification even though she could be greatly impacted if it is to be moved here? So it appears most locals have not got a clue where this new entrance on Leach Lane is to be, so unlikely again to object! As this is a recent change & locals are unaware/not been informed, surely this Closure date should be extended to give locals the opportunity to voice any concerns? This is another example of how badly this project is being run! and possibly why you're receiving little opposition because people are not being informed.

I also learned at last week's event via BAE at Warton how dangerous a Bird Strike can be at an airport & BAE advised they were unable to sign off on this phenomenon & would find it difficult to ever do so due to their inability to predict birds' breeding patterns. I do not see how BAE will ever be able to overcome/sign off on this situation, risking life & limb if they do.

Equally shocking was discovering that there is a major pipeline, think it was a CTAP, carrying, again think they said carrying Propane, not sure, but a dangerous gas, this pipeline runs north to south across the Moss at the back of St Annes, & the fact M&M's drilling/tunnelling will be 'hitting' hopefully not, at right angles, running west to east! This was mentioned so briefly that if you'd blinked you would have missed it! This was the first reference I'd heard of this majorly potential disaster! This was literally explosive new information! Just the mere mention that there is the slightest possibility & still being considered as a suitable route just shows how irresponsible this choice of route is!

Something else I hadn't realised the enormity of, until attending last week, was how dangerous, and the quantity, of these large, heavy haulage wagons which are going to be on all our local, often very narrow, single track country lanes and the number of hours per day they will running, 7am-6pm, in theory, it then transpires for 7am read 6am as they're allowed an extra hour?

I still don't know where to access all this information & nor do a lot of the local residents I contact, who are going to be affected by all this disruption! I also gathered these heavy haulage wagons will be travelling on a lot of these quiet, backwater, often single track country lanes, where often local cyclists, walkers, joggers, dog walkers, horse riders are regular users! This is, for sure, going to end in tragedy! But it appears M&M put profit before life!

With the way the country is heading financially, what happens if the project runs out of money & is cancelled & this major upheaval work is only halfway through? Who will sort this farce out then? Has the project costed for this possible eventuality?

Finally the Fylde coast consists of very unstable, sandy soil, renowned for flooding, often difficult to get house insurance as a result. I gather the project's intention is to drill underneath the sand dunes, a natural flood barrier! I have mentioned this before, but no one seems to have addressed this point, which seems particularly remiss considering some at last week's event introduced themselves as Ecologists, but failed to mention/address these drilled tunnels breaching the flood defence creating the perfect conduit for the water to enter the Moss, into an already waterlogged area requiring pumping stations on new housing estates onto land which builders have already planned 100s more of new houses, built on concrete bases, already displacing 1000s of gallons of water & all these yet to be built. I have not yet heard anyone address this situation.

Just one last add on, why when the project supply plans/maps do they not name any of the roads/streets, might help people, but there again, I'm gathering this is the last thing this project wants to do!

I'd also like to add, all theses Responses do not give a full picture of the local residents. St annes is mainly populated by elderly people, many into their 70s, 80s & even 90s. This project has totally alienated them and they have had no voice in this exercise. Many live on a small estate at the coal face, so to speak, directly overlooking this drilling site on the airport, most object to this infrastructure, but have no voice as they have no access to the Internet. This is Age discrimination and it isn't just this group of elderly people, they are enclaves all over St Annes and have had absolutely no voice in this whole situation! This needs seriously looking into and rectifying.