

Following the last EA hearings at Mill Hall and read the documents/answers to the questions raised by the EA at previous hearings related to these projects I have a number of general and specific points to make.

- 1) first of all I would like to comment that I found the behaviours/attitude of the applicants representatives generally to be dismissive and at times downright rude in respect of the questions/points raised that they don't agree with. I know they have a job to do but it's incredibly frustrating to listen to a group that clearly thinks they are right and have complete disregard for the humans (and animals) whose lives are going to be decimated if these projects go ahead.
- 2) I want it to fully recognised that no matter what precedents have been set (in the minds of the applicants) in respect of other similar projects there are NO OTHER PROJECTS OF THIS SCALE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD IN SUCH A POPULATED AREA. NO WHERE ELSE. Its not right for do compare to other projects in any way shape or form.
- 3) I find it astounding that the applicants can provide so little detail at this stage and believe that this is acceptable. Having no detailed designs for the substations is just dishonest and disrespectful. This project should not be allowed to go ahead until we have visual representations.
- 4) I find it incredibly worrying that Blackpool Airport can hide behind an NDA that includes topics that have an impact on lives such as bird strikes when BAE Systems haven't been given enough information to be satisfied regarding the risk. I would want the EA to pressure Blackpool Airport to disclose how they have satisfied themselves that there is no increased risk to life as a result of change re to bird flight paths/migratory paths once the wind farms have been installed.
- 5) I found the very cosy relationship between Blackpool Council lawyer and the applicants representatives at the last meetings to be very concerning. Blackpool council are there to represent local people and the fact they have signed an NDA and thought it was acceptable to be incredibly friendly with the applicants representing totally distasteful and quite potentially corrupt. I hope the EA saw the same and takes some action.
- 6) I found it ridiculous that the applicants representatives raised concerns about the external legal expert support engaged by one of the authorities in relation to to noise and vibration. There own legal expert was from same company and yet they thought it was approved that they keep their's and the authority seek alternative legal expertise. I didn't see the EA push back on this which was disappointing. Given the importance of this topic I'd expect the timetable for examining this project to be extended so it can be given due attention.