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Hello,

Please find attached the formal response submitted on behalf of the Newton Residents Association (NRA), representing the village of Newton-with-Scales, Lancashire, following our representation at specific hearing 2 during week ending 1st August 2025.

The NRA objects to the siting of the Morgan and Morecambe onshore substations so close to the village and considers the process that arrived at the shortlist of one site for Morgan and two for Morecambe and the consultation generally to have been seriously flawed.

The submission documents our concerns, especially the cumulative impact of numerous energy projects which would encircle the village and while the substations remain in their proposed locations and the following agenda items raised in specific hearing 2

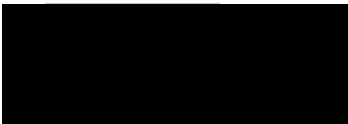
- Agenda Item 2 - Harm to Landscape, Character and Visual Amenity
- Agenda Item 7 - Threat to Local Agriculture
- Agenda Item 10 - Access and Road Safety Concern

The NRA opposes this element of the project and will continue to do so throughout the process until their impacts have been reduced to acceptable levels, most easily achieved by moving to a more satisfactory location away from residential receptors.

Kind Regards,

NRA Committee

Newton Residents Association



# RELEVANT REPRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED MORGAN AND MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WIND FARMS TRANSMISSION ASSETS DCO PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN020028

## INTRODUCTION

This is a Relevant Representation (RR) regarding the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Transmission Assets Project (the Project), promoted by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (the Applicant) made by the Newton Residents Association (NRA)

The NRA objects to the Project on the grounds set forth in this RR. These grounds raise questions about the Applicant's reasoning for the proposed site locations for the Morgan and Morecambe onshore transmission assets, as well as the cumulative detrimental environmental consequences of this decision.

Below are representations on the following agenda items raised in Specific hearing 2 & 3 and Compulsory acquisition hearing 2 (SPH2, SPH3 & CAH2) held during week ending 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

- Agenda Item 2 - Harm to Landscape, Character and Visual Amenity
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### **Agenda Item 2 - Harm to Landscape, Character and Visual Amenity**

The proposed substation developments are located within an area defined in the LCC “Landscape Strategy – Landscape Character Assessment” as gently undulating farmland formed from boulder clay deposits. It is described as a landscape of improved pasture, field

ponds, and dairy farming, with long open views and minimal vertical or urbanising features.

This character is intrinsic to the identity and amenity value of the local area. The construction and operation of large substations and associated infrastructure would fundamentally alter that identity. Lighting, noise, permanent above-ground infrastructure, and significant land appropriation would degrade the tranquillity and openness of this rural setting.

The Newton Residents Association takes the view that the harm to landscape character and visual amenity will be severe and cannot be effectively mitigated through landscaping or screening. These substations will dominate their surroundings both during the prolonged construction phase and thereafter by creating an industrial complex in what is currently green belt land and an Area of Separation.

### **Cumulative Industrialisation (Agenda Item 2 continued)**

The substation sites sit between two existing major industrial facilities: Westinghouse Springfields to the east and BAE Systems Warton to the southwest. The proposed development, if approved, would consume 55 acres of green belt land and represent an unacceptable industrial encroachment into the last significant stretch of open countryside separating Newton, Clifton, Salwick, Freckleton, and Warton.

This area is an important green buffer. Its loss would erode the separation between communities and further industrialise a landscape already under significant pressure.

### **Agenda Item 7 - Threat to Local Agriculture (Agenda Items 7c and 7d)**

The substation site straddles two working dairy farms. These farms are not only characteristic of the area—they are currently viable rural

enterprises. The scale of land appropriation, disruption to operations, and restricted access resulting from the development jeopardises their long-term commercial sustainability in what is already a fragile economic sector.

These farms may fail because they are rendered unviable through land appropriation. This will lead not only to a loss of livelihoods—it is a direct loss of the rural land use that underpins the landscape character referred to in planning policy.

### **Agenda Item 10 - Access and Road Safety Concerns**

The applicant proposes ongoing access to the site via Thames Street, which is a narrow, unmade, unlit, single-track rural lane without separate pedestrian footpaths. This is currently used primarily by pedestrians/ dog walkers, cyclists, equestrians, and light agricultural access.

The lane is:

- Extremely narrow (2m in sections) with no passing places.
- Regularly flooded.
- Used for recreational amenity by local residents.
- Already judged unsuitable by LCC Highways for use in previous planning applications.
- No transport statement has been provided to detail traffic volumes, vehicle types, or frequency of access.
- No mitigation measures have been presented, nor has there been any credible assessment of the likely safety risks, particularly to non-vehicular users.

## Conclusion

Inspector, the Newton Residents Association submits that:

- The proposed development will cause harm to the landscape, character, and amenity of this rural area.
- It poses a significant threat to viable agricultural businesses.
- It represents an unacceptable expansion of industrial infrastructure into green belt and separation zones.

This is not just about energy infrastructure—the integrity of rural communities and the landscapes they depend on must be protected. We urge you to consider these impacts and to recommend refusal of the onshore elements of the application as currently proposed.

While these projects are promoted as clean energy solutions, for us in the Fylde, especially in Newton with Scales, Freckleton, and Kirkham the cost is devastating.

We express our serious and heartfelt concerns about the irreversible onshore elements of the Morecambe and Morgan offshore windfarm projects and are asking you, the Examining Authority, **to listen** not just to data, but **to people**. To see the human cost, the rural cost **the permanent cost** of getting this wrong.

Let us work toward smarter, fairer, and truly sustainable solutions. Let us protect the Fylde not just for today, but for the generations to come.

Let us protect our farmers. Let us protect our homes. Let us protect our children and let us protect our **Green and Pleasant Land**.

Thank you.

Newton Residents Association