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Dear Sirs,

Here are my comments regarding the recent round of planning meetings.

Submission concerning Planning Inspectorate Meetings Morgan and Morecambe Windfarm Transmission Assets
October 7th

The continued press of those representing the applicants concerning the need to mitigate the bird strike risks with BAE Systems Warton, at any cost is alarming. BAE Systems consistently lay out the risk of the cable dig to their high velocity jet aircraft testing and are consistent with their message.

I'm hearing that it is not advisable – not a good idea to have a significant disruption of bird nesting and feeding habitats, 2km from a facility that tests aircraft. I've heard it at a total of 3 hearings.

I've heard the applicants' representatives repeatedly using Blackpool Airport's capitulation as a tool to coerce BAE Systems Warton to do the same, when they are vastly different air operations.

I have heard the applicants' representatives sycophantic list of all the actions they have taken to move the process along and thereby try to place the accountability with BAE Systems Warton for not agreeing common ground. I understand that the applicants have not undertaken an extensive bird strike risk assessment that is relevant to BAE Systems, and not Blackpool Airport. I wonder that if this is done, they fear that the outcome would be suitably damning as to be supportive of BAE Systems unwillingness to mitigate those risks.

BAE Systems is safeguarding the community that I live in and I appreciate this. Comparatively, M&M exhibit a gung-ho desire to swiftly solve a tricky issue with inadequate safety measures. Strangely, M&M having suitable insurance for such an event does not soothe the fear of the aircraft collision (due to bird strike caused by the cable route dig) in my locality. Actually, it elevates the fear.

Any (vaguely threatening) comments made by the applicants' representatives concerning seeking the bird strike risk information 'post consent' horrifies me. Let it be noted that I protest strongly about this danger to my own life, my family's life and the lives of those in Freckleton, Warton, Lytham, Lytham St Annes and Blackpool.

Concerning the endangered species, sand lizards – the applicants have estimated there are 17 breeding pairs (although FBC consider that there are more). The applicants' representatives state that there will be no more than 8 daily vehicle movements along the track to the beach, at the place where sand lizards burrow. If one pair of sand lizards is flattened by a tyre on one day, the breeding population will be reduced significantly – even if 1 member of a breeding pair is killed, it will have the same effect. Continue this process for months and years and it is clear that

the sand lizard population is highly unlikely to recover from this incursion. The applicants have stated that they do not wish to provide a fence to protect the lizards because it will need to be maintained!

The applicants' representatives believe that it is better to wipe out the sand lizard population than to maintain the fenced safe lizard area. This speaks volumes concerning their attitude to safety and preservation of life – not just for the sand lizard population.

It was clear from the discussion between Blackpool Council and the applicants that there was a duplicity on the applicants' part concerning gaining 'possession' of the road leading to Squires Gate Beach. The applicants' representative stated to the effect that 'possession' was merely wording and it pertained really to temporary usage of the road. However, Blackpool Council unequivocally replied that this was a blatant contradiction of the applicants' position regarding possession, detailed in the communications between them, before the hearing.

This duplicity does not sit well with me. Blackpool Council has proof of this duplicity. How can M&M be trusted with 11 years of carving up our natural, greenfield local countryside?

Kind regards