

Yet again I find myself writing with comments regarding this ridiculous plan to facilitate foreign companies to plough through my local area.

I'll start by saying how intimidating it is to attend these hearings, when you have little understanding of a lot of the jargon used & generally little knowledge of what is planned as it is so difficult to find out & bewildered by random references to various documents, which then takes hours to find!

During the first hearing [REDACTED] responded by saying he couldn't comment as nothing had changed since the previous hearing! This was responded to by, think his name was [REDACTED], of the project, with so much jargon that it's no wonder the general public cannot understand most of what is planned! and I quote just some of the phrases he used, 'ordnance datum', 'areas of common ground', 'spot heights', 'topography lines', 'design principles', 'linear infrastructure', 'embodied good practice', 'Horlock? Principles', 'Balance against spoil generation', 'metres above ordnance datum', 'Principles embedded', 'Rochdale envelope' approach! Is it any wonder most locals do not understand what is happening & this was all said in one statement.

[REDACTED] spoke on behalf of residents & also disputed lack of awareness by residents-no knowledge, no notifications, contrary to what the 'Applicants' say, very poor interaction with residents, especially older residents & Rose questioned whether there was a Equity Impact Statement?

[REDACTED], also a resident, explained she and local residents had recently leafleted local areas around Freckleton & discovered most in that area had received nothing & consequently knew nothing of what was heading their way!

Kelly, another local, spoke of how one of these leaflets was the first she heard of this infrastructure & declared this was 'Intentional Exclusion!'

Another local man spoke of how, following receipt of one of these leaflets, had spent an hour & half searching for details of that day's hearing, in order to attend, that's how difficult it is to access any information!

[REDACTED] spoke about how men descended on his property recently to explain what they were planning directly opp his house, a massive substation on open countryside! & that he'd have 11 years of heavy haulage wagons, dust, operational noise, piling noise, light pollution etc. This project shows a total disregard for people & mental health!

The project continued with, Inspections to project sites were undertaken between March-June 2025, surely these should have been done long before then? &, although locals have consistently insisted there is an alternate, much cheaper route for this cable corridor already with some infrastructure, at [REDACTED], it has taken the Project until October 25 to investigate this information, but no reference was made as to the outcome of this exercise?

At the hearings in June an action point was mentioned very briefly with regards to an Access change on [REDACTED], where I live, I honed in, but that was literally all that was said! Since then I have endeavoured to uncover what this change is? No affected locals knew and we live there! I even went to local library to pore over your official paperwork, which again did not resolve what the change was. No locals around the affected area even knew where the original access was to be, never mind the change, so poor is the information! I attended the recent hearings, in part to uncover what this 'change' was. Needless to say it was never mentioned again!

Therefore in the final afternoon break I confronted members of the panel to query this 'change' & therefore it was addressed in the final afternoon hearing, when they suddenly decided to expand on this 'Change of access'! It transpires this 'change' is not a change on Leach Lane, which most assumed it was, it was an addition of more traffic on Leach Lane, as the Project have now decided to close the Squires Gate Lane access & reroute that traffic to access via land near an old Brownie hut, where a solar farm is to be installed on Leach Lane! Surely locals should have been clearly informed the site of the entrance in the first place & a new excess vehicle number generated as to how much more traffic will be coming via this route as it had already been calculated to rise by over 1700%, & informed clearly to locals?

Effects on tourism hardly got a mention, which is a massive concern to people living in a seaside resort as excess traffic, especially large, numerous wagons, can drastically affect tourism! However, there were lots of problems mentioned regarding the beach access at Squires Gate Lane, which seemed unresolved & still ongoing, so no resolution there. There also seems to be major concerns regarding land owned by the Duchy in St Annes sand dunes, which is also a concern to locals regarding the Protected wildlife there, which seems to have been given little consideration by this project.

Farmland on the outskirts of Fylde is to be decimated, along with annual flocks of geese in their 1000s. A local riding school providing specialist help for disabled riders may never recover.

All this disruption and length of duration is going to cause major problems for visitors to the area due to inevitable traffic jams & potentially affecting the viability of St Annes sustaining its history as a holiday resort.

This whole project is just a mass of problems, time consuming, poorly run, poorly explained to locals, damaging to wildlife, peoples' lives, peoples' livelihoods & mental health & age discriminatory! as few older people are even aware this is heading their way & have no voice as everything is online!

The whole thing is a national disgrace for money & profit!