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Interested party reference number [REDACTED]

Response to 7th August 2026 deadline.

Out of all the issues that are so desperately wrong with this bad design, I wish to make one final comment on the last submission from BAe Systems.

In the opening statements on page 2 of the Action point 20, they state that “Air Safety and protection of employees, infrastructure and the local population remain BAE Systems priority and BAE Systems will not accept a reduction in Air Safety”. Yet in the paragraph above this they state there is a possibility of post consent mitigation, “BAE recommends that early and ongoing engagement with the Applicants is undertaken should the Secretary of State grant consent for the project”.

BAe Systems have been consistent throughout this application that a satisfactory bird strike risk assessment would be impossible to ascertain pre completion.

They have submitted NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, NO, and now maybe!!

Does this then infer some kind of trade off that the community is unaware of?

We know that the sensitivity of our national defence requires certain NDA`s, however regards for the safety of a community would not be morally right or justifiable to be included within an NDA, such information should be shared with the residents of the Fylde.

Post consent will guarantee post completion of the project and attempting to shut the stable door after the horse has bolted carries a safety risk to our community.

Surely, the actual implementation of this whole inquiry and examination process is to ascertain the dangers pre consent in order to make the right decision. If the dangers cannot be fully mitigated pre consent then those dangers should be assumed to be factual and need to be a deciding factor on whether to grant approval.

This is a risk that the community should not have to shoulder. A risk to a community that respects BAe Systems for all that they do and for all the jobs they create in the surrounding area and for those that support and simply live their lives here alongside BAe Systems.

BAe Systems should respect us as we respect them, I find it abhorrent that they are now willing to sell us down the river having been obviously put under pressure to allow this unsafe project to be given the chance of approval.

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They have no moral justification for this sudden change of attitude and from a company that is hardly friendly to our environment to show such willingness to compromise for a project that delivers not only unimaginable destructive consequences for the Fylde, but also a massive biodiversity net loss to the area, simply beggars belief.

BAe Systems should be ashamed of their lack of commitment to a community that has backed them every step of the way along their journey. Having lived next to the runway for 40 years and never complained even when they inadvertently broke the sound barrier.

Having said that the majority of the people who live in the Fylde do not rely (myself included) on BAe Systems for employment. However, we know the important role they play for some of our friends and families and through that we put up with a lot of noise, traffic problems etc and never complain.

I hope they will repay that loyalty by not putting us in danger again.

I think they would do well to think back to August 1944 and maybe realise what this community has given to them.

The 13km exclusion zone should be all that it takes to finally put a stop to this charade.

This is an internationally backed ruling and any safety breach of that imposes on our human rights within the ECHR.

M&M have shown total disregard for this safety exclusion zone.

They have already shown their contempt for exclusion zones by not adhering to the 5km radius zone from Penwortham NG for the substations.

Let`s just put this design into perspective for the layman.

This design is simply based on the cheapest route, for instance, marine graded cable for the seabed is 300% dearer than the price of land-graded underground cable and also maintenance costs would be higher for seabed installed cabling.

The applicants are proposing to place untold harm on the Fylde and its environment based purely on profiteering, showing a total disregard for anything else.

I am the nearest receptor to the substations and still, even at this final stage they have purposely failed to produce a single photograph of what they will look like from my house despite numerous requests.

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This is what the applicants have purposely managed to hide from the people of the Fylde who have unfortunately been duped into sleepwalking through the whole process, including the flawed consultation.

How does that sit with the SoS regarding a supposedly sincere public consultation?

And who can blame them, just look at the applicant`s response to one of the SoS`s questions in part 1 of the last update, response C3-008.44 contains 1601 pages, that`s just one response to one question within 1922 documents. How in God`s name, are the public supposed to digest that amount of information in order to form an opinion.

For the many that will be unaware of this application and to the few that have been given access to the Planning Inspectorate`s website and are therefore able to read this submission, here is some essential information for them.

CIP and their partners are planning to bring cables from their wind farms on shore at Blackpool ripping a 122m wide cable corridor 30Km long across the WHOLE OF THE FYLDE, destroying more than 600 acres of greenbelt, farmland, and natural habitats, including two massive substations industrialising 90 acres of greenbelt and separation land (that`s almost 50 football pitches).

This will result in noise, dust, and light pollution for up to 11 yrs. Constant 24/7 buzzing for the next 30 years from substations near schools, businesses and homes, causing house prices to plummet throughout the Fylde

It will destroy our farming communities, wildlife habitats, cause flooding, ruin livelihoods, close businesses and change the way we live for ever.

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Now imagine the M55 motorway, 6 x lanes, 2 x hard shoulders and a central reservation, now times that by 3 and that is the width of the trench.

Now imagine as per the applicant`s response (C3-008.14) at the last submission that they estimate, and this is just an estimate, that the installation cost of the project is £560,000,000.00

Imagine the fact that all the Fylde Borough Councils planning applications over the past 50 years in total may not come near to the £560,000,000.00 that this project is estimated to cost, so imagine every application that has gone through FBC over the last 50 years all starting at the same time. That gives you an idea of the devastation this project is about to unleash on the Fylde and all its communities.

No one and nobody would surely approve that, unless you had a serious score to settle in order to make their lives a misery.

We all want to protect the planet, that`s a given, however, this is pure destruction of the planet on the back of profiteering. They are destroying the planet under the guise of saving the planet; this is a global transition of wealth in order to create a passage for the elite to their eutopia whilst we are left to wallow in the debt and devastation left behind.

Yes, if you must, install your windmills, but do it in a fashion that protects communities and the environment and as such does not destroy them, regardless of the extra cost that may entail.

Let`s be honest here, nobody who is sound of mind and who has the slightest resemblance of a conscience, should even consider unleashing this destructive project on a community no matter where they come from in any part of the world. It`s incredible that this design has been given the time of day from the minute it was first proposed.

To think we now have to make a decision whether to approve this design is beyond comprehension and if the applicants think that gaining approval puts all this to bed then they are sadly mistaken.

The community and all the councils are against this cable corridor and have little if any common ground with the applicants. The local councils know only too well the consequences of this project on the Fylde, and every one of them has resoundingly objected to it. The councils in their role as the protectors of our communities with common sense resolutions should be allowed to do their job and absolutely be listened to by the Planning Inspectorate. The approval of such a badly thought-out design will undoubtedly trigger countless protest`s and demonstrations.

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Has the Secretary of State been made aware that the Freckleton and surrounding communities do not just have this potential cable route and substations to deal with, for example, I live in Freckleton, and for me, surrounding my family, we have British Nuclear fuels within 3000 metres (some a lot closer), BAe runway withing 1000 metres (some a lot closer), one of the largest landfill sites in Europe within 2000 metres (some a lot closer), numerous solar farms and an application being sought for a 60 acre solar farm to go directly next to the 2 proposed substations on the last bit of greenbelt for land separation between Freckleton, Kirkham and Newton. If there is anybody who feels we haven't done or had our fair share of disruption for the benefit of the country, then they are sadly mistaken. The cable corridor and substations will definitely be the final nail in coffin for us all and must not be granted approval.

This design is a **BAD DESIGN**, so to sum up, if the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit, and therefore put an end to this nonsense as M&M have shown zero empathy or compromise for their proposals that will ultimately affect not just us but our children and future generations to come.

To destroy the community destroys the concept, and the attitude of the applicants will eventually destroy their company.

Regards
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