

By Email to John.McKenna@energysecurity.gov.uk

Dear Mr McKenna,

Re: Christopher Geoffrey Rawlinson Drysdale, Station House, Kiplingcotes, Market Weighton, York YO43 3LY

The National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (Scotland to England Green Link 2) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023

Land Interests 22/641 and 22/641a (as per Carter Jonas Plan Dwg No JO042384-22-22h)

I wish to put forward our objection in regard to the CPO statutory notices received in relation to land, property and the business located at YO43 3LY

At this postcode there is:

The engine shed – this is our business premises. This is owned by the partners Christopher Rawlinson Drysdale, Geoffrey Drysdale, and Pamela Drysdale

The Station House – this is the home of Christopher and Sara Rawlinson Drysdale

The old quarry – Owned by Christopher Rawlinson Drysdale.

land at Kiplingcotes – Title number: HS244444 – Owned by Christopher Rawlinson Drysdale

I wish to make it known how little contact and information we have received. I do not feel that we have had sufficient consultation on this project and the effects that it may have. Therefore we strongly object to the CPOs not only for the purchase of land above, . But also, in regard to how this could affect the business and our home.

We have received limited information on the route and what it will entail. We are also not receiving any correspondence from the applicant even though the planning boundaries surround our home and business. We have had one meeting with Fisher German and they only informed us of eastern leg of this proposed project which would affect a small portion of land in the quarry but stated that no traffic, construction, or disruption should happen regarding the Station house or the business premises. When the CPO notices were then received and showed the option of a western leg option on these plans, we were stunned. This includes land owned by myself which I was never contacted about and still have not been.

Also, the proposed western leg affects the access to both the residential property and the business premises, the car park, and our access way to the quarry. This was extremely distressing and came as a huge shock. The map shows that the land in which they wish to CPO encircles the station house and the business property.

As a business we feel we could be severely impacted by the location of the works at Kiplingcotes. It is also going to make receiving deliveries extremely difficult and possibly dangerous and if any diversions or road closures are put into place customers may not be able to access our premises. We have not been given any guarantees that disruption will not happen and that we would be recompensed if this did.

We also have a bore hole for our water supply. We are concerned that the water table could be affected and could also be contaminated. As the western leg is using an access road which runs directly next to the bore hole access, we are concerned about diesel spillage along with other contaminants. Also, if they affect the water table, we could be left without a supply of water at all.

In relation to the proposals our property has already suffered subsidence when the council laid a new road surface due to heavy machinery and with the vibrations and increases in heavy plant machinery around our home and business, this will more than likely cause damage to our property. We have had a surveyor for national grid when the carbon capture project was being considered in c.2015 state that the station house would not stand the vibrations of drilling through the slate or flint that is in the land around us. Again, we tried to make our concerns known but have had limited communication and nothing that would put our minds at rest

The road to our home and the council car park is already in disrepair and we have already seen heavy plant machinery being brought past our home and business even though we were assured this wouldn't happen whilst testing soils in the area. This would also pose a risk to those parking, walking, or cycling through the car park. As it is a public right of way. would also do further damage to the road surface and car park.

We are extremely concerned that this will cause a massive impact on our business and our home life. Especially over noise impact as well as the environmental impact on the surrounding area. They do not seem to be aware of the underground river nearby, they also are not aware of the well in the land on the western leg, as they have neglected to contact me regarding that portion of land that I own. They don't seem to have considered the topography of the area as there are large fall and rises as well as there being layers of flint and slate. We

did offer to take them to my quarry which shows what the layers are like but this was not taken up. Our Agent has requested a meeting on site with an Engineer and the Applicant's Agent to better explain National Grid's proposals in this area and how the effect on our home and business can be mitigated.

The applicant has been made aware of the flooding which occurs in this location due to the hydrology in the area and I am aware that they have been shown a photograph of me canoeing in the early 1990s I believe. How is the applicant going to construct and then make sure that the cable stays in situ if the groundwater is such an issue?

The applicant has to our knowledge carried out little in the way of ground investigation surveys. Are either of the routes proposed in this location technically feasible given the groundwater issue and the rolling topography?

I have serious concerns about my home being damaged as well as business interruption causing loss of earnings, especially if the western leg is chosen. I still have concerns however with the eastern leg however this would be the preferred choice if the access roads would be routed away from our location along with guarantees about plans for if our home is damaged or we suffer business interruption.

Kind Regards

Christopher Rawlinson-Drysdale