

Dino,

Thank you very much for your time on the phone earlier, it is much appreciated.

With regard to the planning application:

12/00628/FUL - Proposal: Erection of electricity sub-station and associated access from H7 Chaffron Way

I live in one of the houses that is closest to the proposed development, with literally just a few trees between my house and the substation. I have submitted my objections to the application on several occasions, as have my neighbours. We all have legitimate concerns over the perception of a health risk that such a substation represents, as well as the detriment to our standard of living through the visual impact of the structure, the noise it will create, and not least (although I understand it isn't grounds for rejection of an application, oddly?) the value of our properties and the effect it will have on the desirability of those properties should any of us wish to sell.

I have read the supporting information on the planning application and I have to say that it appeared from the agenda for the meeting on 14th that it was now a foregone conclusion, with a recommendation for the application to be approved. For that reason I didn't think it was appropriate to apply to speak at the meeting, since my objections have already been raised and therefore presumably addressed. However, speaking to you earlier it seems I may have misunderstood.

I definitely do not wish to take up the committee's time by going over the same objections unnecessarily, but it is clear to me and my neighbours that the questions over our concerns have not properly been answered.

Therefore, I would very much appreciate it if the committee would seek to clarify a few of the major points we have:

1. Noise. The anticipated noise levels have not been clearly stated. The numbers do not really mean anything on paper. The simple question is, will we hear it or not? If not, we need a guarantee that we won't. If the answer is uncertain, and it appears not to be; no indication of noise levels from cooling fans or the frequency that they would be in operation, then I would argue that the information given to the committee is not satisfactory to approve the application. And although the documentation states that it might not have an effect for the first five years, what happens after that?
2. Perceived risk to health. This is a no-brainer really. We are all absolutely terrified by the prospect of living so close to a substation of this size! Of the three families living in Hilbre Court, two of them have young children and one of them is a registered child minder, therefore their livelihood depends on parents willing to leave their children all day long in close proximity to it. I don't think I would move to a house literally feet from one, and I would urge the committee members to ask themselves the same question. I would also ask you to consider if you would have your children spend any amount of time in close proximity to one either. The perceived risk to health in our community is, by my estimate, currently somewhere around 11 out of 10!
3. We still have not had a satisfactory answer regarding the location of the equipment on the site. I have previously asked why this needs to be so close to residential dwellings. This question has not been answered. The applicant and the planning officer have stated that the electricity network is such that relocating the site would cost more. Accepted. But even in relation to the

compound itself, the equipment we're all worried about is about as close as it could be to the houses? Why is this? The compound itself surely would not need to be so far away from the road, and so close to the houses either? A similar substation is located on the H6 (if memory serves) close to the town centre. It is literally yards from a dual carriageway, so why wouldn't the proposed substation in Tattenhoe be built like this? I'm sure the residents that this would affect would feel reassured that any detrimental effects would be minimised if the substation was much further away.

It would be greatly appreciated if this document could be considered by the committee before any decisions are made.

Thank you again for your help and attention to this matter.

Kind regards

Nigel Clingo