

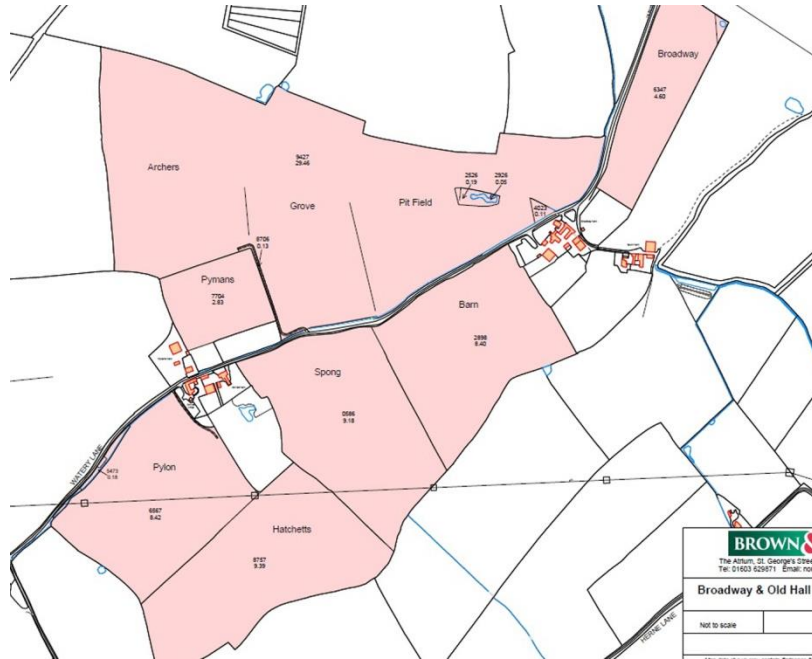
# Report to Necton Parish Council, September 2017

## Alternative site for proposed Vanguard, Boreas and National Grid sub-stations

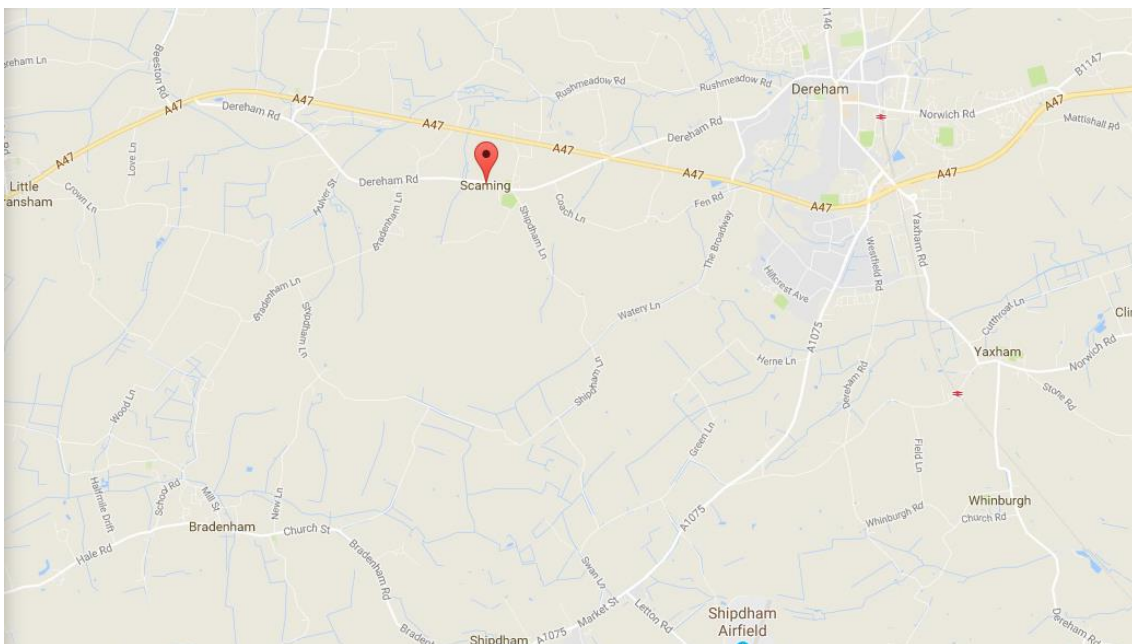
### Background

Following the recent consultation events of 19 & 20 July, Mr Tony Smedley, a member of the Necton Sub-Station Action Group, presented an alternative site to Vattenfall for their consideration in place of Necton/Ivy Todd area.

### The site proposed



The image above is taken from the current sales particulars, showing significant land parcels on either side of Watery Lane. The total land on the market is 168 acres. The map below shows the area in context. The area suggested is approximately bounded between TF930E to 960E and TF100N to 115N.<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Ordnance Survey Explorer Map No 238 (Dereham & Aylsham)

### **Options available to the Parish Council at this stage**

We are still in pre-application stage, where the public are actively involved in consultation with Vattenfall. It is the responsibility of the developer to carry out the pre-application consultation, not ours. Our role at this time is to monitor the consultation, making sure that it is carried out with the affected communities properly. We are using this time to inform ourselves about the application and gather information that will assist in the production of our consultation statement, when an application is formally presented to us through the DCO process. We are doing this by building a file of correspondence from residents, communications from the developer and various other associated reports, maps and documents.

We do not have an option at this stage to take a formal position on the merits or otherwise of any proposal or alternatives.

Our options are:

- Do nothing at this stage
- Ask for a progress update on the investigation of this site

### **Recommendations**

- That the Parish Council asks Vattenfall for an update on their research into the viability of this site.

See appendix 1 for draft letter to Vattenfall

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## **Appendix 1 - Letter to Vattenfall – Draft for approval**

Dear Mr Lean,

Alternative sub-station site

The Parish Council has received a report of a potential alternative site for the location of both Vanguard and Boreas sub-stations and the co-location of a National Grid sub-station. We understand that Mr Smedley, a resident, has suggested this site to you for consideration and you have committed to researching its viability.

It would appear initially to have many elements that would support your proposed scheme, such as proximity to National Grid pylons, extensive land currently for sale and an opportunity to reduce the cable corridor.

We have previously stated in our submission to the Secretary of State back in November 2016 that we would wish to see “a detailed report on the consideration of alternative sites for the sub-station, including sites outside the selected area.” We would assume that you will provide such a report on this and any other alternative sites and we look forward to receiving such.

We understand that you will be holding further public consultation events early November. Will you be able to provide an update on your research into the alternative site before this event?

Yours sincerely,

Cc:

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