

The Ongoing Saga of the Hum from the Cawston/Salle substation

Background

Over the past two years (since the connection of the Sheringham Shoals wind farm), a number of individuals have raised concerns over the hum from the substation on the Cawston to Reepham Rd .

We are told this 'hum' is coming from the reactors in the substation and that will be worse when there is not much wind offshore. The level of disturbance it causes seems to depend on atmospheric conditions and is loudest and most disruptive on still evenings and nights.

If you walk the Marriott's Way you will have noticed the noise, and certain areas of Cawston (and some people) seem to be more affected than others.

Previous attempts to engage the company responsible for the substation have not proved very fruitful, as their sole line of defence has been a bit dismissive. They seem to have tried to prove that the noise does not exist - and if it does, that it is not of a sufficient level to constitute a nuisance.

A group of us have now got together (with the backing of Cawston Parish Council) to try to coordinate a more organised response to this situation. We are not asking for much – just the chance to have a proper dialogue with the company and for them to present some options for mitigating the problem.

So how can you help?

If you have any views about this noise – its impact on you and/or the local environment - we would be very grateful if you would let us know by contacting: cawstonhum@gmail.com or ringing James on 01603 872078 or Paul on 01603 872441

We will :

- Represent your views – (without naming you unless you ask to be involved)
- Hold discussions with Broadland District Council
- Look at similar cases elsewhere
- Hold discussions with Scira and UK power networks
- Talk to the local MP
- Talk to our district councillor
- Keep you and the Parish Council informed of any progress.

Thank you

James Livingstone, Paul Sutton and Steven Mumby.