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Dear Kathy

Thank you for contacting us about comments being made locally regarding the Alaska site walkover which took place in February.

We are grateful for the opportunity to formally reiterate that it was National Grid's decision not to allow additional representatives from the PHP Group or Southampton University to attend the site walkover and not that of the Parish Council or its chair.

We previously made clear in writing to a representative of the PHP Group that there was no veto from the Parish Council chair as had been incorrectly suggested. Instead, the meeting was requested by Hale Parish Council for its elected members and it was on this basis we agreed that it should proceed.

We also pointed out to the Group member that Hale Parish Council had requested that a representative of the PHP Group should attend the walkover and we agreed to that request.

Yours sincerely



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