

Written summaries of oral submissions made by Mr Simon Nicholson (on behalf of RAIN) at Issue Specific Hearings held on the 16 and 17 November 2022

Lack of consultation to residents.

In June 2020, the initial information about this proposal was sent out to residents within North Lincolnshire. When the parish council asked the residents of Burton upon Stather if they had received information, it was informed that people living in Norfolk Ave, Stather Road, Old Row, Eastholme Gardens, Holme Drive and Wiltshire Ave did not receive anything. This does not mean that all the others received information, they simply did not respond. Residents of Ridgewood Drive confirmed they had received information.

This brochure that was not delivered to all houses in Burton upon Stather. It is 'A-2.5 Non-statutory consultation booklet' included on pages 16-22 of **APP-078** which is '7.2.2 Appendix A-2: Materials published as part of non-statutory consultation'.

In June 2021, a further consultation took place. When enquiries were made with the applicant as to why still certain residents of Burton upon Stather had still not received information, the following response was given:

“In the Statement of Community Consultation, we defined a series of ‘zones of consultation’ for publicising the consultation directly to the local community for the purposes of section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. This recognised that levels of potential impact and interest are likely to vary with geography

- Zone 1: People living and working in the immediate vicinity of the proposed North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park, defined as a radius of 3km from the site, as well as a 0.5km buffer around the proposed district heating and power network and railway line serving the site. These were measured from the scheme boundary. This comprised 18,653 addresses.
- Zone 2: People who may be interested in the wider potential impacts of the proposed North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park, such as transport, visual impact and creating new jobs. This zone is based on a 10km radius around the site, which draws on the Zone of Theoretical Visibility of the project.
- Zone 3: People living and working in the host local authority of North Lincolnshire Council outside of consultation zone 1.”

It was confirmed to the parish council that residents of Victoria Court did not receive information on the consultation in June 2021. These are elderly people who the majority would require a hard copy. Residents on Stather Road once again did also not receive this information. From the consultation zones, the whole of Burton upon Stather should have been included in this consultation since the village is up the hill from the proposed application and will be affected by fumes from the chimney.

It appears also that residents of Amcotts did not receive documentation.

The brochure not delivered to these residents is section G.2.1.1 CONSULTATION BOOKLET on pages 1-18 of document **APP-092** which is '7.2.16 Appendix G-2: Statutory consultation materials.

A meeting was arranged between Burton upon Stather Parish Council, Flixborough Parish Council and the applicant on 1/7/21 and they were informed that some residents had not received the consultation information. The applicant said they would rectify this, but nothing was received.

Questions asked by Mr S Nicholson at the Issue Specific Hearings on behalf of RAIN

- a. Where does North Lincolnshire currently export its RDF?
- b. What will the carbon capture % from day one be? Can a timeline be given of how this will increase over the life of the plant?
- c. Why won't the prime receptors benefit from the heat power network?
- d. The following quote was given 'Incineration is lower carbon than landfill'. Can documentary evidence be provided to prove this statement?
- e. The applicant has stated that some of the plastics on site won't be able to be processed but no sorting is taking place on site. If this is true, then these plastics should have been sorted before coming to the site and all plastics can be processed. This is a contradiction to what is being suggested.
- f. A virtual hydrogen pipeline was mentioned. Has a carbon footprint assessment been done for this?
- g. Can you explain how the plastics are going to get to the site? If this creates increased traffic flow, how does that impact on the local infrastructure? Has the carbon footprint been taken into consideration for this transportation?
- h. The consultation information provided to residents in 2021, stated that the construction time would be 3 yrs. At the hearing, there was suggestions of it being for up to 6 yrs. Why is the construction time being extended?
- i. At the open public meeting held between Burton upon Stather Parish Council and the applicant on 1/7/21, it was stated that all components of the energy park would open at the same time. Can the applicant guarantee this still? If this is true, then why is there a commissioning timeline
- j. What is the preconstruction flood measures to prevent the runoff of water to the river and water courses.