

## Questions

- 1) Why does the applicant wish to incinerate plastic at all which does nothing to assist North Lincolnshire's re-cycling agenda?**
- 2) Why has the applicant chosen the same site that was the scene of a major trauma for the residents of Amcotts in 1974.**

Many of those residents involved with that disaster to their homes and wellbeing still live here and can recall the 1st June Flixborough disaster and have perceived trauma about another industrial park being on that site?

- 3) Why has the applicant given little recognition to the visual impact of this proposed development from the west side of the River Trent namely Amcotts and Garthorpe?**

Amcotts is on the west bank of the river Trent directly opposite Flixborough Wharf and is a nationally recognised award-winning village for its environmental and community projects. In 2022 alone it took RHS Gold for the Best Small Village category in The East Midlands Region and nationally took Silver Gilt in the RHS finals for being in the final six in the British Isles.

- 4) Why has the applicant given little recognition of the environmental impact to our resident Lapwings on the riverbank?**

Amcotts has been awarded numerous accolades from the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Many village children hold John Muir Awards for their work on the nationally recognised Tiddy Mun Trail which involved regular surveys of protected species along the Trentside Riverbank. The Scoping Reports of 2019 and 2020, part 11.3 identified protected species, some of which are in the 'red' category, in danger of extinction. Zone A was surveyed back in 2018 which is a vast time lapse between the survey and publication. Part 3.6 of the Bowland Habitat Survey appendix noted 50 lapwings, which are

'red' listed, seen in arable fields north of Amcotts and we can identify their "scrapes" all down the riverbank. Bats, red listed species, and wintering birds were recognised in Chapter 10 – Ecology and Nature Conservation. These habitats have greatly increased and thrived since the March 2020 lockdown.

**5) Why has the applicant taken little notice of light pollution that will emanate from this new proposed construction?**

Action was taken by children from Amcotts by writing to the Mayor of North Lincolnshire to realign the current lighting from the wharf.

Chapter 10 alludes to habitat loss being long term and significant and adverse effects will be notable in places such as Risby Warren SSSI and we also believe Amcotts. Our bat colony now seen regularly on Church Street has already moved from the Riverbank to Church Street and into the Churchyard due to disturbance from current lighting on the wharf. The bat surveys undertaken at Halloween show that our bats are moving down the village due to excess lighting and our Star Count undertaken in February 2022 shows the variance in light pollution from Red at Trentside opposite the wharf to green at the other end of our village greatly affecting our CPRE Star Count results and obvious light pollution.

Owl boxes installed this year by the children as part of our award-winning Owl Trail have owls already breeding and fear that this this abundance of wildlife would be scared away with such a large development across the river. Plus, the amount of disruption caused during construction, operation, and decommissioning.

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6.2 Potential impacts on local and more distant views and landscape character types have been assessed. Night-time views and effect of lighting are also included in the assessment. A range of adverse effects, from minor to major adverse, has been predicted from various viewpoints, with the worst affected viewpoints being from Amcotts and Stather Road, Flixborough.

6.3 Of particular concern to NLC is the impact of the proposed development on visual amenity from receptors at Viewpoint 1 (Amcotts) and Viewpoint 2 (Stather Road, Flixborough). These impacts are outlined in tables 25 and 26

Despite the presence of existing industrial development associated within Flixborough Wharf and Industrial Estate, the proposed development would be larger in scale and form and have an appreciable impact on views from these locations. NLC agree with the assessment presented by the Applicant which demonstrates that there will still be major adverse and moderate adverse impacts on **viewpoints 1** and 2 respectively even following the growth of landscape mitigation planting at year 15. This is concerning.

**6) Why does the applicant appear to have scant regard for the cultural heritage of Amcotts in terms of its Grade 2 listed buildings and the site of significance of the Amcotts Ferry as identified by Natural England and North Lincs. Council's Historic Environment Record?**

### ***Archaeological evaluation***

9.7 NLCs Historic Environment Record (HER) advised at the pre-application stage that desk-based assessment would not be sufficient for EIA and planning purposes and that undertaking a staged programme of archaeological field evaluation would be necessary to prepare a robust assessment

of the heritage significance of the site and inform any appropriate mitigation for inclusion in the Environmental Statement.

9.24 The completion of the field evaluation prior to the determination of the DCO is necessary to ensure the identification of any previously unknown remains, and to date and characterise all the heritage assets, the results to update the assessment of heritage significance in the EIA and inform the preparation of an appropriate archaeological mitigation strategy, in line with national and local planning policy.

9.45 Section 8.2 Impacts on Setting have only considered the individual designated heritage assets. The very considerable impacts of the siting and scale of the proposed development on the character and settings of the historic villages of Flixborough and Amcotts, with their collection of designated and non-designated historic buildings and monuments, and their respective relationships with the river do not appear to have been assessed from a cultural heritage perspective.

9.49 Section 9.4 Enhancement, these enhancement proposals are most welcome. Flixborough parish council have approached NLCs HER in a bid to improve the environs of the scheduled monument and site of burial ground within the woodland. Working with ourselves and Historic England could produce beneficial enhancements for the scheduled monument and other archaeological sites around the proposed development. Amcotts parish too, could benefit from heritage enhancements, potentially building on their work with North Lincolnshire Museum Service.

9.53 Whilst it is acknowledged that several of the listed buildings are identified due to their proximity to the northern DHPWN and the railway reinstatement land, the listed buildings within Amcotts are within proximity to the Energy Park Land and as such there is the potential for impact.

**7) Why does the applicant fail to appreciate the levels of noise currently being endured in the village by the wharf and wish to add to it?**

10.19 Appendix C Section 4 provides details of vessel noise and unloading activities. The noise levels in the report have been derived based on measurements made at the nearest receptor when vessels were alongside Flixborough Wharf. It should be noted that NLC is currently investigating complaints from residents of Amcotts village regarding excessive noise from unloading activities at Flixborough Wharf which are proving complex to resolve.

If further development of this nature goes ahead, this may compound the situation, particularly if suitable mitigation measures are not found to reduce predicted noise levels. NLC are concerned that noise levels monitored at this location are being considered as the normal acoustic environment experienced by residents and that consideration of context has been given to these noise levels.

**8) Why does the applicant wish to pursue the site at Flixborough now that the Humber Low Carbon Pipeline has confirmed its route that bypasses Flixborough and crosses the river beyond West Butterwick?**

