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Good afternoon, everyone. It's now 2:00 and it's time to open this open floor hearing. And my name is Edwin Moreland. I'm the lead member of the panel of examining inspectors who've been appointed to examine, report and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on the application made by North Lincolnshire Green

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Energy Part Ltd for the construction operation and maintenance of the North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Project. The development proposed is the construction and operation of a combined heat and power enabled energy generating station with an electrical output of up to 95 megawatts.

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Incorporating carbon capture, associated district heat and private wire networks, hydrogen production, ash treatment and other associated developments. Now, before I go further, can I confirm that everyone can hear me? And my camera is working for those who are possibly viewing outside of the room.

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Thank you. Can I also confirm with the case team that the recording and live streaming of the event has commenced. Thank you. Now, if there are any difficulties in that respect during the hearing, either via teams or within the room, then do draw our attention to the case team member and we hopefully resolve that.

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Now I am aware that the screen to my left is intermittently, if not non-existent. And so for those of you at the back, you won't, I don't think, see the screens in front of us. All that they're showing at the moment, just for for clarity, is for people who are on teams.

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So you welcome, if you wish to see that, to come and sit on these side tables. But at the moment, they're not actually showing anything. And as I understand it, it's unlikely that anyone is actually going to be appearing virtually so.

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But you're more than welcome to come close if you're comfortable to do so. But I'll leave that entirely up to you. They're not showing, and you're not missing anything. But by the fact that that's not working and. So if I just move on, then I'll ask my colleague, Dr. Brewer, to introduce himself.

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Thank you, everyone. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Dr. Phil Brewer. I'm a member of the Institute of Acoustics and a planning inspector and have been appointed by the Secretary of

State for leveling up housing and communities as a member of the panel of examiners inspectors to examine this application.

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I'll now hand back to Edwin. Thank you. Now we were assisted at this hearing by the Planning Inspectorate case team. Today we have the case manager, Sarah Norris, assisted by Caroline Hopewell remotely, and they'll be pleased to help you with any procedural or other queries that you may have today.

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If you have a mobile phone with you, may I ask that you switch it off now so that during the meeting so that participants are not interrupted by them. In respect of fire alarms. As I understand it, there is no testing proposed today, so in the event one is heard will be necessary to evacuate.

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Please leave the building by the nearest entrances and I understand that the meeting point is just across. There was a big tree with a sign on should that be necessary? And please don't reenter the building until it's told to be safe to do so.

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Toilets, should anyone need, are just in the foyer where you've come in. And should we need a comfort break? I'd anticipate that around 3:30 if the hearing is not concluded by that time. And a video recording will be made of today's proceedings.

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And this will be available on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after this event. And I also need to advise you with regard to the general development. I'm getting confused now. The data protection regulations and because the digital recordings made are retained and published, they form a public record that kind of you can contain

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your personal information and to which the general data protection regulation applies. The Inspectorate's practice is to retain and publish these recordings for a period of five years after the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order. And therefore, it's important that you understand that if you participate in the hearing, you will be recorded and you consent

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the retention and publication of the digital recording. And in that respect, then, to avoid the need to edit the digital recordings, the panel would ask speakers to try to avoid adding information to the public record that you would wish to be kept private and confidential.

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If it is genuinely considered, there is no alternative to the disclosure of his disclosure of such information. The panel will agree a process to allow that information to be provided and made available without forming part of the public record.

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Now four speakers can ask participants in person today to come forward to the table at the front where you can speak to the hearing and use the microphone available. For those of you on teams of the I don't believe there is anybody.

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Then we would ask them to switch their Cameron and we'll let them know when we can see and hear them clearly. Now we will be proceeding as explained in annexed seat, the Rule eight letter dated the 23rd of November.

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And I'll now pass over to Dr. Brewer to just explain what the purpose of the open floor hearing is. Thank you. The open floor hearing provides an opportunity for interested parties to make their submissions to the panel. It also gives the panel an opportunity to ask questions to all speakers, questions about the evidence that they have presented

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. All submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by participants. However, we have already met those written submissions and they will be afforded the same weight as those made only. Therefore, what we are looking for is not for those written submissions to be repeated, but instead this should be an opportunity to provide further detail and

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explanation to help us understand and fully appreciate the case you are seeking to make. The procedure that we will follow today is to hear first from interested parties who have notified us in advance of the meeting that they wish to speak.

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They will be invited to come forward in order to give evidence. As indicated in the agenda to make best use of the available hearing time. We were interested party a maximum of 10 minutes for the old submission. We do have the discretion to allow people to continue beyond their maximum time period if we consider that there will

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be a benefit to the examination. But we would advise you not to rely. On that discussion being exercise and to stick to the time limit as best you can. The panel might then wish to ask the speaker questions.

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The applicant will be given an opportunity to briefly respond to any matters raised by each speaker or in some of the at the close of each session. I would ask for those present not to interrupt whilst another person is giving evidence, even though you may agree or disagree strongly with what is being said.

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It's important everyone has a fair opportunity to put their case without interruption or other distraction. Government guidance for the examination of applications for development consent explains that the same refuse to hear evidence which is, in its view, irrelevant, vexatious or frivolous.

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All relates to the merits of a national policy statement, repeats other representations already made, or relates to compensation for compulsory acquisition of land or an interest in or over land. Additionally, the same may request any person behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing or to remain only if that person complies with specified conditions.

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I don't know him back to that point. Thank you. Now we have a list of those who have indicated that they do wish to speak today. But I just need to clarify with two of you. Councilor Mapp and Mr. Nicholson.

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Whether you are proposing to speak this afternoon or this evening, you're welcome to attend both hearings, but obviously so that it's fair for everyone, you'll get one opportunity to present to us. So can I clarify whether your intention.

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I'll come to you, counselor. My first. Is it your intention to speak this afternoon? Thank you, Mr. Nicholson. You can, but I think it would have been helpful had you is your intention to say different things. Right. So what I would ask is for you to do a single presentation to us.

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And if you wish to divide those between personal as a resident and on behalf of rain, then you know it's up to you how you present that. But I'm so hoping to do that this afternoon or this evening.

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Now. I will invite you to speak once I've been. So you're not going to speak this afternoon. Okay. Thank you. So is Andrew Green or his agent present? Nope. Okay. Can I then come to Candy? Brant from Burton upon Stander Parish Council.

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Oh. Hello. I'm Candace Brandt. I'm the clerk to Burton upon Stafford Parish Council and also flexible parish council. I haven't really got much to say really. We've when the first consultation took place in the area, Burton Postal, the parish council had a consultation with its residents and those who attended with the majority wanted the parish council to

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oppose this application, which is why we have gone down that line. Flix was also had the same with their residents. Both parish councils have put a number of written submissions in. So there's not very much more to say at the moment, although there is the concerns about dispersal into the atmosphere.

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It's well known that the air quality around the area is regularly monitored at the steelworks and around Scunthorpe and it's not particularly one of the best areas around the country and residents are concerned about it's getting worse as this application would mean an expansion to flexible industrial estate.

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Despite the being mentioned about dispersions of PM 2.52.1 per pic, that would be a minimal presence. I feel that the perhaps show's minimum dispersion would be would not have an effect on the human receptors health. And that's my.

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Thank you. Can I come next? Is Mr. Davis on behalf of A.B. Agri here. No. Okay. Um. So. A number of other people have arrived who I don't believe had registered initially. Is there anyone else wishing to speak this afternoon?

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Yes. Would you like to come forward, introduce yourself and say who you're speaking for or on behalf of? Thank you. Mr. Moore and Mr. Brewer. Good afternoon. My name is Alan Craddock. I'm a resident of Burton upon Stella.

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I have previously made a written representation to the Planning Inspectorate and I am aware that there are many aspects of this application and many areas and topics you have to consider in reaching a conclusion. In my written representation, I focused on what I believe are three key areas.

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Need sustainability and environment. Without repeating all of the written representation, I would emphasize the following need. North Ayrshire Council, via its emergent local plan, concludes that it has sufficient waste facilities to accommodate all arising news from its own area within the time period.

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And in fact assume in fact, assuming that recycle rates continue, there will be surplus capacity at the end of the plan period. This project given approval would require the importation of 600 to 700000 tonnes of waste into the North Lincolnshire Council area for 25 to 30 years.

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Sustainability. Various national planning policies stress a positive approach to waste management. Considering the waste hierarchy reduce, reuse and recycle. The National Highway Strategy 2013 sets an ambition of zero waste of a zero waste economy. There are many initiatives aimed at reducing preventing the use of the Earth's resources into single use disposable items.

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This project would hold back such initiatives as this demands vast quantities of waste forever 25 to 30 years. Environment. Burton Fixture Norm. Obviously, we all sit around 6 to 760, 70 meters above and to the north east of the proposed incineration plant.

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The prevailing wind direction in the UK and this area is from the Southwest, meaning that incineration plants, the incineration plant means stack emissions for right across the populations of those villages. But the pop star has a primary school on the southwest edge of the village, with around 250 pupils potentially bearing the brunt of toxic emissions from the

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incinerator. Additionally, transporting 600 to 700000 tonnes of waste a year for 25 years into the air is hardly environmentally sound. In conclusion, their royal highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, have launched their Earthshot initiative. Taking inspiration from President John F Kennedy Moonshot, which united millions of people around the goal to put a man on the moon

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and catalyze the development of new technology. The prize is centered around simple but ambitious goals for our planet, which, if achieved by 2030, will improve life for us all for generations to come and protect the Earth's valuable resources.

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The five goals are protect and restore nature, clean air, revive our oceans, build a waste free world and fix our climate. I believe these initiatives fit in with current national planning guidelines, particularly the zero waste economy. The Earthshot initiative to be successful, like the Moonshot Project, will involve millions of people, organizations and organizations making millions of decisions

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, contributing to the earthshot goals. Mr. Moore and Mr. Brewer, I believe you have an opportunity to make such a contribution by rejecting this application. Thank you. Thank you. Can I just pause? Can you make sure the microphones on so that everyone can hear you?

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Sorry. Thank you. Yeah. My name's John Kerr from residents of West Halton, which is not far from Foxborough. My issue is about the possible behavior of the company that's involved in developing the Green Energy Park. It's part of it's part of a firm called GV Bio, which in turn is part of Show 21, which is an Irish

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company. So it's 21 in over the last year had to go through a major refinancing operation. I don't know whether that's been completed yet or not, but there were fairly serious concerns expressed in. Various Irish council presses until quite recently about the future of the company.

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That in turn will put pressure on the company to do what it can to maximize profit. The second is what's happened locally in this. The same company has a facility on the east coast of East Yorkshire near a place called Attleboro.

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That is a biomass development which sets off as a straw burning operation. It's a it's a quite funny permission after it was rejected by the local authority. It went to appeal. And before it even opened the facility, then reapplied to change its license and it applied to change its license from straw burning to wood burning.

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But it wasn't simply wood burning. It was wood burning for categories A to see. No definite work on four categories of wood burning. A. B. C. D. C and D are the ones which are regarded as suitable for burning.

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A and B are regarded as suitable for recycling. But the license that the company acquired is for burning. And B as well as C. When you put this together with one of the comments that the previous speaker made about local capacity and the fact that the the company operating the incineration facility at Ferry Bridge and Finish, I

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think school has raised its own objections on the grounds of lack of capacity to keep to ensure it's just going in such a close proximity. I think that's going to put additional pressure on the company to do what it can to make as much money as it can.

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And I think that will mean that I suspect that that will mean that they will want to vary a lot of the sort of nice words that already exist in the current application. Thank you. Thank you. Yes. When you have to come forward.

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Good afternoon. My name's Mr. Giuseppe Tracker. I'm a resident of Burton upon the. I'd just like to highlight a few points and state a few points. Uh. Flix has already done its bit for green. Renewable energy is obviously within a few hundred yards of flicks Wolf and Flipper for industrial estate, and there's already a number of wind

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turbines. There's already a solar farm, which I believe is being expanded as well. So it's already it's already playing its part for renewable energy. Obviously, if this project goes ahead, the rail lines flicked off will need to be reinstated.

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Obviously, that's going to, you know, have issues with regards to noise. And, you know, trains are taking of two flights a wolf. But also with regards to wildlife, I know, you know, as someone who, you know, knows the the area around there very well, you know, lots of wildlife will be disturbed.

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I know there's, you know, bats in and around there. So that could be an issue. You know, something to think about also with regard to the production of the hydrogen, which I know when the presentation by the Seoul 21 company, when that went ahead, you know, we were sort of sold.

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The idea of hydrogen will be produced, uh, you know. The local council, you know, could operate hydrogen, you know, hydrogen powered vehicles and things like that. You know, as someone who's been in the, you know, the motor industry and motor trade over 30 years.

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And, you know, if you know, the. Internal combustion engine vehicles are obviously, you know, scheduled to be ended. And in 2030, uh, the European vehicle emission regulations, uh, you know, the Euro six regulations are due to change or alter between now and the 2030 date for Euro seven emissions.

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I believe they're going to be called, uh, there's no mention there of anything to do with hydrogen powered and hydrogen powered vehicles, lots of vehicle manufacturers, a trial in, you know, hydrogen powered vehicles. And seeing if it's reliable, I can't think of a single, uh, manufacturer that's, you know, going to be producing hydrogen powered vehicles.



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Uh, so, you know, as it being, you know, as that being a selling point, I don't think, you know, it's that realistic. And also with regards to, you know, hydrogen production and hydrogen storage, it's obviously a, you know, an explosive gas, uh, you know, you know, maybe the certain people, you know, in the room, uh, you know

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, who were, you know, remember what happened. It flipped through in 1974 with regards to the explosion at Nypro. You know, those scalzo, you know, it's still being felt, you know, having sort of hydrogen stored and produced on their doorstep, uh, you know.

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But you know, bearing in mind what you know, what happened, you know, like I say, approaching, you know, for, you know, 49 years ago now, I don't think it's, you know, a very good idea. And, you know, I don't think it's something necessarily flip, you know, flips.

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But as a village in the surrounding areas, a sort of suffered enough with regard to where that sort of, you know, potential issue happening again and it being on the doorstep. That's everything for me. Thank you very much.

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Thank you. Yes. Hi. My name's Sam Cluff. I'm a local resident. I don't want to repeat what's already gone. Four main points. This is an outdated technology. MPs are debating in Parliament banning incinerators. Scotland has stopped future development of in-service generators.

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This project is claiming to do things with no clear plans on how they're going to do it. Carbon capture. How? The second point is the developments in a flood zone. If we carry on with a. The current production of carbon.

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It's estimated that much of North Lincolnshire will be covered in flood water by 2030. Local residents know the flood zone around the Flexpai area, despite the development. My third issue is around health. So health issues, it's no surprise that people decide to develop incinerators in poorer areas.

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This area already has a life expectancy approximately ten years, less than more affluent, affluent areas. And that's without considering the issues of ill health in a poorer area. My fourth issue and it touches on what the gentleman said before surrounds a couple that I've met during the course of this campaign.

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They're unfortunately too unwell to come here today. They never flick Sabra. They are quite elderly and are to say in poor health. Their house overlooks the link and cliff down on to flick spur industrial estate. The chimney will come approximately the height of their house.

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They've been living with the uncertainty around this issue since the project was first discussed in about 2006. They said not only that they lived through thick. The 28 people dying, the hundreds of people injured, and the 100 local homes are damaged or destroyed.

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They probably won't live to see the outcome of this strategy, but it's considerably harmed their last few years. Thank you. Does anyone else wish to come forward to say anything? Okay. Um, coming into the applicant, do you wish to make any form of response to the comments you've heard?

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Claire Brook on behalf of the applicant? No. So I don't think I need to say anything further at this stage. You will be aware and members may be aware that in terms of the relevant representations and the written representations that have been made by all relevant parties, we have responded in full in writing to those and the

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documents REP one zero 12 and Rep three zero 22 And so at this point, I don't think I have anything further to add to. Unless I can assist you in any way. No, I don't believe so. You have a colleague, Mr. Hammond, who's on line.

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I know he was traveling, but. I'll leave it to you unless you wish to have a quick chat with him to see whether there's anything further. But I don't think we need to have got Andrew Bradley here on behalf of the applicant as well.

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So I think we're okay. Thank you. Fine. That's fine. And on that basis, then I'll just check that one final time. No one has anything further to say. Thank you then for your attendance. And we will adjourn this meeting.

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Close this meeting now. And it is 230. Three. Thank you very much.