

As with the public consultation, Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd has applied the principle of a Rochdale Envelope as an excuse not to provide detailed evidence on their application. Instead of applying a "cautious and worst case approach" they have not provided any detail on major aspects of their scheme in the draft Development Consent Order.

Examples include:

- No information on the scale of hedgerow and tree removal is provided. The adjacent Cottam dDCO provides full disclosure of the circa 55km of hedgerows to be destroyed.
  - There is no detail on the capacity of the Battery Energy Storage System and how it will interact with the National Grid. Publicity leaflets stated that the BESS could trade power with the National Grid. If this is correct, then details should be provided. Can the BESS be considered as part of the application for a "generating station" when it is in fact an additional source of revenue, potentially exceeding the revenue of the PV panels for substantial periods of the year.
  - There is no tangible targets against which successful decommissioning can be judged.
- These are just a few examples in the dDCO where the Applicant has not complied with the requirements of a Rochdale Envelope and has effectively asked for a blank cheque to do as they wish within the boundary of the project.