

Dear Sir

Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd

I write to submit the concerns I have in relation to the procedural timetable and issues arising pursuant to your letter dated 31st May 2023, (your ref: EN010131).

The time allowed to understand the information and procedure within the above letter has been very tight and as such has caused unnecessary anxiety and confusion. Neighbours have informed me that, the tight time frame has made them feel they are not being fairly treated by The Planning Inspectorate. This in effect has meant a lot of interested parties will not take part any further in the Examination. I believe I required a longer period of time to understand and act on the current matters at this stage in the process. This type of procedure is not familiar to most people, so by specifying such a tight time frame, the Inspectorate are not catering for people's need to learn how to engage and then become involved.

The Examination period starts during summer school holidays and so I will not be available to attend some meetings although I may wish to do so.

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I am overwhelmed by the number and scale of these projects. To make matters worse, the Applicant has withheld information. The Rochdale Envelope has been cited as the reason why information was not provided. This approach means that I have been denied the necessary information. This is not acceptable and in conjunction with the overwhelming scale issues, I feel disadvantaged in this first instance, which in turn leads to apathy in relation to becoming involved in the examination process as a whole.

I do believe that the scale and number of these applications in this small rural area is prejudicial to the area and the potential quality of existence within it.

Also, I am concerned regarding The Planning Inspectorate's own ability to give the necessary degree of consideration and examination for these multiple schemes. Again, I think I will suffer inadvertent discrimination. I do not believe the NSIP process was designed to cater for this number and type of application. Is the current system adequate to meet the current demands?

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This scheme is within West Lindsey District. As such, the Examination and any other associated events need to be held within the District.

A possible venue might be the Lincolnshire Showground.

The suggested venue for the meetings on the 4th and 5th July is prohibitive in terms of location and cost implications.

I have provided this submission to genuinely share with the Examining Authority the real frustrations and alienation myself and many others feel in relation to this system.

Yours sincerely

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