

Deadline 7

- **Summary statements from parties regarding matters that they have previously raised during the examination that have not been resolved to their satisfaction.**

Dear Mr Stone

It is very hard to remove emotion from this submission as this landscape and locality is where I live and many of my friends, neighbours and loved ones also. This countryside means the world to us and is our world. We are not averse to doing the right thing and thinking of the greater good but after learning of the much harm to ourselves, others and the area we live, with little benefit for the nation, it is evident that the proposed Gate Burton Scheme along with the other three in the West Lindsey District will be catastrophic for the area.

Throughout the Examination, I have observed how the same literature and answers and been given again and again by the Applicant without in reality addressing the questions raised by myself and other interested parties. However, I have held faith that the due process will examine the evidence and enable participation and interaction and establish a reasoned and balanced recommendation for the Secretary of State.

A few of the issues and concerns which have not been fully addressed by the Applicant are; the impact on wildlife, ecosystems and ecology, the impact on landscape character and visual amenity, the fire safety issues, the impact on mental health and wellbeing. These items are not empty words but are real issues which we will be left to deal with.

In addition to these issues, it is evident that the energy output for the scheme is low and the contribution it will make in terms of decarbonisation is also low. The area of land consumed is proportionately high. The loss of farmland is excessive and disproportionate for no real benefit. It is arguable that the term 'temporary' cannot be applied to a period of 60 years. This timeframe in most people's lives is a significant proportion of their life and therefore, 'temporary' becomes the norm and ever present. Therefore, the use of the term temporary is highly misleading. The lack of use of brownfield sites for the proposals is a further issue which has not been adequately explained by the Applicant.

Finally, the harms incurred by the proposal will not only hurt the locality but will also detrimentally affect the nation's food security and sustainability; in short, the harms will be widespread and lasting.