

COMMENTS ON SUBMISSIONS FOR DEADLINE 3A

The River Till runs through the centre of the Cottam Site and, as has been shown in photographs that I and others have previously submitted to the Planning Inspectorate at Deadlines 1 and 2, the affected fields and roads are prone to serious and extensive flooding. Simply addressing the issue with a previous statement from the Applicant that ‘the panels can be tilted horizontally’ ie to protect the panels from floodwater does not take account of the extensive flooding that would occur on an operational site and scale of this nature. Flooding will always be an issue for the Cottam 1 site and surrounding villages as there is on-going historical flooding on the land and roads in this area.

For example, the Cottam 1 site (along with the West Burton 1 and 2 sites) the farmland is experiencing excessive waterlogging preventing access by agricultural vehicles onto the land and the drainage ditches are beyond full. The Applicant has failed to fully address how they propose to prevent greater flooding occurring in these areas when there is excessively saturated farmland which is then followed with heavy and continuous rain or snowmelt. Waterlogged fields are currently causing crops to fail and in the images below on a field opposite West Burton 2 the young crop planted last year has been destroyed.



I agree with and support the comments contained in

REP3A-004, REP3A-005,

REP3A-006, REP3A-007 and

REP3A-008.

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