

Open Floor Hearing 26th November 2024

Martin Philpott Reference Number 20047708 – For the Great Stainton Parish Meeting

I would like to refer to my previous written submission examination reference REP4-022 in which I advised 100% of the residents of Great Stainton's are opposed to Byers Gill due to the sheer scale of the 6 panel areas of Byers Gill, the close proximity of panel area D to the village and the residents homes and the fact that there are already 8 other solar Solar Farms in the local area.

We advised that this presents an unacceptably high adverse impact on the residents of Great Stainton and the local community, from the loss of open public rights way where we walk our dogs that will be turned into fenced corridors to the substantial adverse visual impact Byers Gill will have on the village.

Despite these significant and valid concerns raised by the residents in document 8.21 "Comments on Deadline 4 Submissions" RWE's response was that in ES Chapter 13 App-036 they had concluded there would be no significant adverse impacts.

In the ISH4 hearing in October we heard RWE's landscape and visual specialist claim to have detailed knowledge of the local area then make statements about hedgerows and fence lines that did not exist. Similarly, we heard from DBC's landscape and visual expert that the approach taken by RWE had not followed the standard industry practice of worst case views for the land scape and visual assessment.

We also heard early today from Andy Anderson who had found that some of RWE's background report documents did not match the summary documents recommendations.

So I suspect that there may be errors or omissions in RWE's assessments which has lead them to conclude there would be no significant adverse impacts, my concern that if this is not checked or corrected it could present the Secretary of State with an incomplete picture to form a decision upon.