

Submission for deadline 2 13th January 2025

a)

Why is the applicant choosing Drax for this site?

When I asked this question at a meeting they held, I was informed by one of their representatives that it was close to Drax and therefore would cost less to set up.

We are constantly being told by the Government, that we are required to import a large proportion of our food, as, we are not self sufficient.

To allow this site to go ahead would remove 476 hectares of Prime agriculture land, 96% of which is Grade 1 and 2.

The war in Ukraine has shown us how quickly we can lose a source of our supply chain.

Surely there are more than enough brown field sites and roofs that can be used.

The amount of electricity that will be generated is minimal for half the year as we have seasonal cloud cover. I know this, as I have solar panels on my roof. Surely there are other areas in the country that have far more sunshine than we do.

b)

The cumulative impact on this rural area is massive. The village of Camblesforth will be completely surrounded. The residents will be living in an industrial estate. There are already two solar farms which are in the process of being built, along with an ash plant.

We know we have lived with Drax at our back door for years but we have still been able to open our doors and see green fields and walk and live in quiet surroundings. Residents are able to wander the footpaths, children can play in the fields, ride, enjoy the wildlife.

People's physical and mental health will suffer. People must count.

c)

Noise and light pollution both of which are known to cause physical and mental health problems.

How does the applicant intend assuring us that these will be within the

permitted limits. What do they intend doing to ensure the limits are not exceeded by the cumulative effect.

The applicant stated that there had been no significant health effects to the population group identified. Of course they had not identified any effects, no research has been carried out. As this site will be one of the first of this size to be built.

d)

Battery storage, should there be a fire, our homes and village would be covered in toxic fumes within minutes due to the prevailing winds direction.

e)

Residents are already having problems selling homes and that is because of this proposal.

f)

What is going to be put in place to allow residents to access the main road from Camblesforth to Selby. It is a very busy road at present and people have problems coming on to the road. This will be a nightmare when heavy lorries block it should this scheme go ahead.

g)

How many panels and BESS containers will there be?

What size are these? We are still waiting for the answers to these questions.