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Dear Mr Raywood

My wife and I attended 3 of the hearing sessions at the Parsonage Hotel, Escrick and the site inspection earlier this month and were interested but disappointed on hearing the applicant's proposals and how vague, dismissive and lacking in detail their arguments were. Rather than address and answer questions their responses seemed to rely almost entirely on reciting a litany of legislation that had been complied with or referenced and to emphasize, at every opportunity, the early nature of the proposal.

We have seen how aspects of the proposed scheme have been altered since the initial public meetings in 2023. We share the concerns detailed by our MP Sir David Davis in his letter to the Examining Authority (9. 7.24) in which he specifically mentions changes concerning the exclusion of battery storage capacity, without a convincing explanation, numerous different figures being given for production in terms of MW/acre and the type and land usage and the unexplained requirements of differing panel arrangements. These issues are interconnected and it is disturbing that with a scheme of this size, at such a stage, information being provided to the Inspectorate and the public is so vague. We totally agree with our MP that an independent expert should be involved before any recommendation is made to ensure an unbiased and informed assessment of the validity of the proposal. It appears that so much of the proposal has been changed and will continue to be changed to suit the applicant's need to deflect criticism or promote this scheme.

Whilst it is somewhat reassuring that we have now been informed that the scheme will not impact our verges and hedges we have other concerns. My wife and I are still concerned by the problem of crime which such a concentration of high value equipment will very likely attract. Adjacent properties, many of which are by general urban standards, secluded if not isolated would be an attractive and convenient target of opportunity for those who would primarily aim at the installation. To breezily, if not mockingly dismiss such fears as seems to be the applicant's position at the hearings begs a question. If crime is not a problem why is there a need for such high levels of security akin to a prison compound? Furthermore any lighting would need to be mounted as high as possible above existing hedge height to be effective. This would increase the adverse effect on nearby properties. Our home has views without streetlighting and only the low level of light from Howden and the A614 in the distance. This would be destroyed.

I trust that the Examining Authority will address these concerns before reaching a recommendation.

Yours sincerely

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