

- 1. Triton Knoll Electrical System ENO20019**
- 2. Viking Link Electrical Infrastructure**
- 3. Ecotricity Heckington Turbines Infrastructure**

The Parish Council have grave concerns that the three proposed scheme will inevitably be in Bicker Fen.

The Council is aware that, unlike the construction of the Bicker Wind Farm, a purpose build road is to be used for construction traffic by way of a new road off the A17 parallel to the South Forty Foot Drain. However they remain concerned that the use of this is purely down to drivers, who may still use Bicker Parish roads, which would be totally unacceptable.

National Grid however have not furnished details of their proposed traffic. Will planning permission from Boston BC be required, or give environmental / traffic plans, by National Grid in respect of this construction work?

You may be aware of the distress and health issues caused by National Grid. and Wind Prospect Ltd during the construction of the existing sub-station and turbines together with severe environmental damage, and this will obviously be threefold.

Cowbridge Road is some 10' wide, in poor condition, with no footpaths. It forms part of the Brown Fen Waterway Trail, and carries significant agricultural traffic. It carries on one side all the wiring for the 13 turbines, and local residents service on the other. Two vehicles meeting enforces one to leave the carriageway for the verges grass verges. Disruption to these residents would once again be unreasonable but unfortunately we have been let down by National Grid's broken promises. They planted numerous trees on construction of the Wind Farm, but trying to communicate with them to have them trimmed from overhanging the road has taken six months so far and still no action.

At a public meeting in Bicker, 200 residents voted to object to the further destruction of Bicker Fen. This was backed up by numerous written and telephoned objections. The people of Bicker feel they have it's fair share of infrastructure in the Fen.

You are aware that we already suffer from numerous 400kv, 132kv and 11 kv wiring / poles and towers, two sub-stations, and thirteen wind turbines (with their associated noise problems).

To add all the three schemes in the heading, which we are assured will all come to Bicker Fen, cannot possibly be allowed, as it is against government policy on cumulative effect (which must be the worst in the country) and waste of top grade agricultural land, amongst other things.

Residents have been well supported by Lincolnshire County Council, it's MP and MEP

The Parish Council's accumulated reasons for objections are

1. Cumulative effect (especially Bicker Parish)
2. Gross visual intrusion
3. Vast environmental damage
4. Loss of prime agricultural land

5. Effects of the proposed volume of electrical wiring in Bicker Parish on the health of residents (electromagnetic radiation)

6. Losses of agricultural businesses by the use of Grade 1 & 2 agricultural land for construction.

One farmer alone would for Triton Knoll lose 12½ acres out of 90, plus Viking Link, plus Ecotricity and the total loss could destroy his farm business.

7. Unacceptable traffic volumes & disturbance to residents

8. Inadequate consultation by RWE and no consultation by National Grid.

9. Suitable connections / capacity available near Grimsby.

10. There will also now be increased flooding risk, admitted by the Environment Agency, to Bicker Fen and other local fens from the closure of the five huge pumps, in Boston, which presently draw flood water from the Forty Foot Drain to go out to sea via the Haven. Three pumps are out of action due to damage, and the other two will be decommissioned after “consultation”. None of the pumps will be replaced, as the Environment Agency says it has no money.