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**Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm    ENO20019**  
**Triton Knoll Electrical System**  
**Response Deadline 3 to Applicants Response Deadline 2**

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**General Overview**

1. The response from the applicants contains too many initials and too much jargon.
2. The applicants consider that by quoting reference documents, these should be accepted by residents without question, even when clearly wrong. The documents are usually commissioned by and paid for by the applicants

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**Rebuttal of Applicants comments deadline 2**

**1. Consultation**

There was very little effective consultation with residents. We were told what was going to happen. There was no place on forms to reject the whole project, or the use of Bicker Fen, although this is what 90% of about two thousand local residents require. This is not consultation, it is imposition. Bicker Parish Council rejected the scheme outright. The consultation should be rerun in a proper manner.

**2. Cumulative Effect.**

There can be no argument that the existing 13 wind turbines, two substations (one to be increased by a third), 400 kv towers, 132kv poles, together with the overhead wiring for the new Heckington turbines, Triton Knoll infrastructure, and Viking Link infrastructure constitutes a totally unacceptable level of cumulative effect, and visual intrusion on Bicker Fen. This is directly contrary to government policy as set out by the Department for Local Government and Community Affairs. With numerous alternatives available for both Triton Knoll and Viking Link infrastructures, the application ENO20019 falls to be declined. Bicker Fen is being systematically destroyed by stealth by large scale inappropriate industrial development and this cannot be allowed. The only reason green belt, and top grade agricultural land is being used is that it is the cheapest option, with no proper account of the cost of large scale environmental destruction and land loss. The applicant s assertion that the Heckington Turbines are irrelevant is incorrect due to their infrastructure.

**3. Loss of prime agricultural land.**

The assessment of the loss of agricultural land being negligible is risible. Large areas will be lost to buildings, roads, tracks, concrete and inspection chambers. The National Farmers Union, the experts on land loss, has clearly stated that some of the land cannot be reinstated for years if ever. The applicants have no knowledge or experience of digging up land for 35 miles, or its effect.

The Land Interest Group (NFU, CLA etc) thinks that RWE does not understand drainage. The applicants think that they can dig very substantial trenches, then do minor repairs on drains, and then push the soil back. Drains will repeatedly fail as soil settles, and whole fields will become waterlogged. The scheme cannot be allowed because of damage to agricultural land, which is against government policy, when completely avoidable.

#### 4. Electromagnetic Fields.

There is already a mass of wiring, overhead and underground on Bicker Fen, some close to residents houses. Residents do not accept that additional accumulations of wiring, both overhead and underground, will have other than a detrimental effect on health. All the assessments appear separate with no account taken of cumulative effect. This is totally unacceptable, and a new comprehensive overall report on overhead and underground wiring, including all the existing and proposed new schemes must be undertaken before any planning permissions are granted (if at all) .

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#### 5. Traffic volumes.

Following the statement by Boston Borough Council that the use of roads through or out of Bicker are unsuitable for **any** future schemes involving large traffic volumes, residents are pleased that RWE (TKOWL) has confirmed that new permanent roads will be constructed from the A17 and no traffic connected with the proposed scheme will use Bicker roads, including Gauntlet Road, Rookery Road, Ing Drove, and Cowbridge road. Residents are confident that Boston B.C. will control very tightly all traffic schemes to ensure compliance. Should the TKOWFL scheme go ahead, this would avoid residents seeking litigation under the Human Rights Act to prevent any repetition of the shocking levels of abuse suffered by residents due to previous large construction schemes. This statement from Boston B.C. also applies not only to Triton Knoll but to Ecotricity (Heckington Turbines infrastructure) National Grid, Viking Link schemes and the proposed one third increase in the size of the existing National Grid sub station. Hopefully N.G. will comply without the need for the council to use Article 4 Direction. Residents will strongly support Boston B.C. in their efforts to control excessive traffic in Bicker. Western Power Distribution has yet to supply details of their works for Ecotricity, but must be subject to control by Boston B.C. and avoid Bicker. The traffic problem is a serious public health and safety issue.

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#### 6. Interface Connection.

Residents reject the statement regarding the selection of Bicker Fen. This is solely on cost. There are new additional connections and capacity available near Grimsby, and the site selection must be rerun. This would obviate large scale environmental destruction across Lincolnshire and especially Bicker Fen. Green Belt land should not be used when industrial sites are available.

#### 7. Increased Flood Risk.

The position regarding the flood risk has changed. This is due to imminent closure of all five large scale pumps in Boston used to pump water from local fens, including Bicker. The Environment Agency confirms that the flood risk on Bicker Fen has increased. It is completely inappropriate to cover more and more of the fen with buildings, stone, concrete, metal etc which all increase the flood risk. In addition, the disturbance to land drains that cannot be effectively reconstructed will add to the flood risk. Also the Forty Foot Drain has not been dredged since it was built. With the fen sinking (proved by my property and others and repairs needed to 400 kv towers) and alleged global warming increasing the levels and rainfall, building more and more industrial developments on Bicker Fen is completely wrong, and should be stopped, now. The applicants assertion that the pumps now closing have no bearing on the scheme is inaccurate.

#### Conclusion

The proposed scheme is contrary to government policy on loss of high grade agricultural land, building on flood plains, and Cumulative effect. Therefore, on these bases alone the

proposed scheme cannot go ahead across Lincolnshire.

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