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**Triton Knoll Electrical System EN O20019**  
**Rebuttal of applicants comments in response to deadline 4**

**General**

The applicants quote from comments made by Boston Borough Council (BBC). No BBC councillor lives in Bicker Parish. Our senior BBC representatives on BBC is on record as being opposed to the scheme as is Lincolnshire County Council. Our M.P. is on record as being opposed to the scheme. Bicker Parish Council, and well over 90% of residents in Bicker Parish are strongly opposed to the scheme. Bicker is being systematically destroyed by industrialisation.

**Consultation**

Lincolnshire County Council, councillors on BBC that I have spoken to, residents of Bicker and Bicker Parish Council all confirm that there has been no effective consultation. This is factually correct, as there has been no way of rejecting the scheme in its totality, because nobody has been asked. This is unacceptable.

**Cumulative Effect**

There is no doubt whatsoever that the cumulative effect of 13 wind turbines, the existing National Grid substation, the existing Western Power Distribution substation, the Ecotricity H-pole wiring for the Heckington turbines, the Viking Link substation, the extension of the National Grid substation and the applicants developments constitute a totally unacceptable level of industrial development in a small agricultural village. This view is strongly supported by local residents and Bicker Parish Council. This must be the worst such cumulative effect in the country and under Government guidelines must be taken into account by the P.I.

**Loss of Grade 1 & 2 Agricultural Land**

Under Government guidelines this problem must be taken into account. A large area of land will never be able to be farmed again, when all the industrialisation is properly assessed. This is totally unacceptable when the land is urgently needed for food production for an ever increasing population. A lot of vital drainage systems will never recover and repeatedly fail.

**Electromagnetic Fields**

There is no proper overall assessment of the level of electromagnetic fields when **all** the mass of industrial development in Bicker is complete. This assessment must be undertaken and released to residents before any further industrial development is undertaken.

**Traffic volumes**

The applicant has promised that all traffic related to the proposed development will use new tracks / roads off the A17, and none will use Bicker roads. Residents will take whatever action is necessary to ensure that the totally unsuitable roads in the Parish are not used by the applicants, including work up to and including the existing N.G. substation. The Borough Council has confirmed that they wish to see no more traffic on local roads, which are damaged, well used by existing agricultural and business traffic ,

and inherently dangerous.

It should be noted that previous promises to residents, Bicker Parish Council and Boston Borough Council (in writing) were subsequently ignored by National Grid, Wind Prospect Ltd and Central Networks Ltd (now Western Power Distribution). The companies and Boston Borough Council told residents that nothing could be done to lessen the abuse of residents lives because the promises had not been incorporated into Planning Conditions.

Therefore, supposing that the applicants propose to keep their promises on all traffic, it is imperative that the new access roads are fully constructed **FIRST**, otherwise the promises are meaningless.

Residents hereby formally request the P.I. to incorporate the ban on any traffic connected with the project to use Bicker roads in the Planning Conditions. In all the comments, the applicants assume that the P.I. will agree to the project, despite the myriad reasons not to proceed.

### **Interface Connection**

It is clear that Bicker is totally inappropriate for the connection, and that the proposed environmental destruction across Lincolnshire should be refused. Bicker is only being used as it is the cheapest option. This is wrong, and brownfield sites available near the coast must be used even if they increase the cost. The applicants stand to make vast profits from British taxpayers and customers, and must use a small proportion of this money to avoid environmental destruction across Lincolnshire.

### **Increased Flood Risk**

Residents have been specifically told by the Environment Agency at public meetings and in newspapers / literature that there is an increased risk of flooding in Bicker once the remaining drainage pumps are all stopped. The Environment Agency meeting / questionnaire gave **NO** option to reinstate the five pumps, unless taken over by the Black Sluice Drainage Board at vast cost to be added to customers rates bills. The total lack of dredging of the South Forty Foot Drain is increasing the flood risk every year. With huge amounts of stone, concrete, steel etc being dumped in the fen the water table has risen and increased the flood risk. The area is sinking, as proven by damage to houses, buildings, N.G. pylons etc and overall increased flood risk is unacceptable and cannot be imposed on local residents. Bicker is a flood plain and no more industrial development should be allowed.

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