

I am a resident of Lumby and a spokesman and founder member of P.L.A.N.E.T (Protect Lumby Against New Environmental Threats).

The Yorkshire Green Project is of National Importance and as such, the order granting development consent is more than likely to be given approval. I, as a Lumby resident, am not against the project but wish to ensure the residents of Lumby are protected against the effects of such a large Infrastructure Project, and that steps are put in place to minimise harm and the effects of the project to the lives of people living in Lumby.

Having experienced the effect and final outcome of the works associated with the A1M and Construction Compound adjacent to the A63 in Lumby, I wish to ensure we do not have a repeat of the noise and disruption and further destruction of the Green Belt in this location.

I have listed nine areas of concern namely, 1) Process to obtain information 2) Green Belt 3) Construction Compounds 4) Traffic Solutions 5) Noise 6) Dust 7) Working Hours 8) Remediation 9) Timeframe/Programmes.

1) The amount of information that has been produced and will be produced for the DCO is considerable, and having been involved in major infrastructure and PFI contracts, I know that access to find the requisite information for members of the public is very difficult. Can a member of the Team be appointed as a point of reference for members of the public?

2) The effect of the project on the Green Belt will be severe in the areas of the Construction Compounds. What measures will be taken to protect the views and enhance the areas on completion, such as bunding, tree planting during construction and then final solutions. How is this being addressed?

3) The two compounds adjacent to Rawfield Lane will be visible from the A63 and also directly from Butts Lane, Lumby. Currently this is farm land in the Green Belt. The views and amenity of the residents of Lumby will be harmed for a number of years. What will the construction be? How will it be carried out? And what remediation to protect the views will be carried out?

4) At present to access out of Butts Lane on to the A63 is becoming extremely difficult, due to the increase in traffic created by Sherburn Industrial Estate and the numerous new housing estates in the local area. A further 1 million square feet of warehousing is being built at the Industrial Estate which will increase the traffic numbers even further. Whilst one can state all traffic from the Yorkshire Green project must turn left in and out of Rawfield Lane, how will it be enforced?

5) At present no noise is emitted from Rawfield Lane, apart from the odd car / van. What measures will be in place to prevent noise affecting the lives of Lumby residents from vehicles; construction equipment; reversing alarms; generators; dumpers; creation of haul roads; vibrating rollers and wheel washing?

6) Dust will be created from haul roads, construction compounds and excavations etc. How will this be prevented/minimised?

7) How will you prevent the working hours, that are agreed, from disturbing the residents of Lumby? In Winter, the light pollution will be very high as presently there are only lights at the substation. Currently there are no lights on the A63, Butts Lane or Rawfield Lane.

8) What measures will be put in place to minimise the short term effect and long term effect of this project to the views; landscape; wildlife etc and the general loss of Green Belt?

9) How will members of the public obtain working programmes and schedules of work that will affect the residents of Lumby? For example, site visits?

We look forward to a productive working relationship.