

Michael Osgerby (Agriculture) Ltd



Robert Upton
Lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Dear Mr. Upton

Able Marine Energy Park

Summary of oral case put at Specific issue hearings on 11 September

I spoke with support of 2 other farmers present at the hearing: Michael Osgerby, Sunk Island farmer & John Burton who has recently retired after farming Stone Creek Farm for 40 years.

We were concerned at the choice of the new site for roosting & feeding at Stone Creek, for two main reasons:

1. We believe it will be very difficult to create wet grassland on that soil. The soil is very light silt and water drains through it very quickly. Water just disappears downwards on that land. So we cannot see how it will be possible to keep water on the land to make it wet.
2. Keyingham Drain borders the eastern side of the proposed site. This is a very important drain which drains a large area of Holderness, including many villages. Altering the level of this drain will affect its ability:
 - a. to take water away from the center of Holderness, therefore the villages will flood
 - b. to scour out the mouth of the drain at Stone Creek. A large head of water is needed in the drain to flush out the silt in the Creek. If the mouth of the drain is not kept clear, the water cannot escape, so the villages & surrounding areas will flood

Thank you

Sally Osgerby