

I am a regular user of the Common, walking the area at least 3 times a week in the early morning, when I can see and hear a wide variety of birds and see the wildflowers and trees marking the changes of the seasons. I am distraught at the thought of these experiences being forever ruined by this development.

I have studied ecology, and therefore have an interest in this section of the information. It is of great interest that the company who carried out the Environmental Impact assessment - The Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd - makes a claim on their website - "We possess an enviable track record of achieving planning permissions for our clients for a wide variety of applications in these circumstances.", referring to the development of farmland. Hardly a great demonstration of impartiality.

There is mention of the many footpaths and bridle paths that will be lost by the development. How DARE you suggest that the route around the development will be "scenic" - it makes me sick with rage that you would even suggest this. We will be losing several paths going in different directions and we are supposed to be happy that these will be 'upgraded' to one bridle path around the site. What makes anyone think that we will want to walk around it? Public footpaths and bridle paths are not just about getting from A to B - we enjoy our walks for the scenery and the experiences of nature.

Claims from the consultation team that the area will have an increase in biodiversity once complete is completely laughable. The duration of construction, the noise, disruption, removal of hedgerows and fields as wildlife corridors will ensure the decimation of current species and, by the time the development is complete, there will be no wildlife left to enjoy.

The farmland adjacent to the Common may be of little interest and importance to a developer but IT IS IMPORTANT TO ME - to be able to walk out into that green space for some miles, connecting the villages without having to walk along roads is something that I greatly value, no matter how 'species-poor' it might be. Also, with the changes to agricultural support, there is nothing to suggest that the local farmers may use the ELMS scheme to improve some of the land themselves.

There has been no presentation regarding the disruption, noise, dirt, and destruction during the construction phase; the main point seemed to be that there would be 'minimal light' coming from the terminal once in operation. Will everyone be issued with night vision goggles? No matter what mitigation is implemented THERE WILL BE MORE LIGHT POLLUTION because there are no lights in the fields.

I also object to the 'visual impact' presentations - these seem to be taken from the point of view of people living in a certain proximity to the development - no consideration to users of the Common, whose outlook would be blighted by this monstrosity! And consider that the people who do live within sight of the development currently look out over green fields!