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Dear Mr Welton

Reference: Keadby Windfarm Proposed Traffic Route Abnormal Loads

Please accept the following as Crowle Town Council's vigorous objection to R.E.S's application to change the agreed route of ALL H.G.V's and in particular ABNORMAL LOADS from the purpose built road at the A18 Pilfrey to the Ealand route which the inspectorate refused.

1. Contrary to advice which appears to be presently circulating North Lincolnshire Council relevant departments, the secretary of state DID NOT override condition 11 but merely designated North Lincolnshire Council with the power to do such if they thought fitting.
2. The government inspector spent many hours both in deliberating and site visits re the proposed route (Ealand), R.E.S realising said route could be a stumbling block assured the inspector as follows:
 - (A) We have carried out in-depth feasibility studies re the railway crossing via Pilfrey.
 - (B) We have also fully consulted with Network Rail re train schedules, safety etc.
 - (C) The conclusion being that there is ample time and safety between trains for ALL H.G.V's including the longest of the ABNORMAL LOADS. Hence if the inspector has doubts re the Ealand route he has our assurance that we can

successfully complete the full windfarm project with ALL H.G.V's using the PILFREY ROUTE.

3. Several observers at the public enquiry believed that perhaps lies were being told to gain approval, whence they would then revert back to the forbidden Ealand route. Sadly events show the suspicions were well founded.
4. In order to overcome the inspectors refusal of the Ealand route R.E.S thought up an ingenious plan.....they asked the secretary of state to overrule condition 11 EALAND ROUTE and allow approximately 1% of H.G.V's through Ealand.....To the layman this would appear a most reasonable request.....when in effect what it meant was despite the assurances to the Public Inquiry, they were seeking to put 100% of the ABNORMAL LOADS through Ealand Village on the VERY ROUTE that both the inspector in 2008 and the conservative secretary of state in 1992 had deemed UNACCEPTABLE re the impact on the village.

SUMMARY

We would remind North Lincolnshire Council that the first priority of both elected councillors and council officers is to safeguard the well being of its electorate as per the above mentioned conservative secretary of state and likewise the Inquiry Inspector, not what is the most convenient and cheapest option for multinational companies hoping to gain approval via stealth and false assurances.

We firmly believe above said assurances played a huge part in achieving approval, hence we would urge the planning committee to reject the TRAFFIC PLAN, which undoubtedly would result in it being finally determined by the planning inspectorate/secretary of state.

Yours sincerely

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