

EAKRING PARISH COUNCIL SUBMISSION

INQUIRY: APP/L3055/V/14/3001886

BILSTHORPE BUSINESS PARK

My name is Marisha Curry, I am currently Chairman of Eakring Parish Council, of which I have been an elected councillor for 19 years. I have lived in Eakring since 1982.

Eakring is a conservation village of some 170 households and 419 parishioners, who are proud of our rural setting, local wildlife, heritage, agriculture and tourism. Listed buildings in the village include St Andrew's Church, Eakring Windmill, Walnut Tree Cottage, Hall Farm House and Pond Farm House.

Eakring was the penultimate village, Laxton is the last, to operate the open field system and evidence of this is still visible in fields round the village, the field to the west of Mompesson's Cross between Eakring and Bilsthorpe Business Park is one of them.

Parishioners have raised several concerns regarding the proposed Incinerator, with all bar 2 households signing a petition opposing the application.

As Eakring has been working with RAGE many of these concerns may have been raised in more detail in the submission from RAGE, so I apologise for any repetition that may occur.

Eakring residents concerns are: air quality and human health. odour and noise, landscape and visual impact, transport, wildlife, tourism and local employment.

Air quality, Noise, Odour and Human Health

Eakring is approximately 2 Kms north east of the site, and as the prevailing winds are from the south west and west, would be directly downwind of the incinerator.

This has raised concerns relating to odour, noise and emissions, particularly as when the developers were asked, at a consultation evening, what would be the composition of the waste parishioners were told, by the developers, they didn't know. Which obviously raised the question, 'if you don't know what is going in how do you know what is coming out?'

At the same evening the developers were asked about emission breaches that had occurred at similar installations in Dumfries and on the Isle of Wight, these were put down to 'bad management'. But accidents and human error happen and cannot be completely eradicated. Also the effects from emissions are often not evident until many years down the line, we do not wish to be the 'guinea pigs' in this experiment.

As shown in Argus Ecology's Clarification of Air Quality Impacts in the EIA, Eakring will be in direct line of emissions.

We have been assured that regulations and conditions will protect us from harm, but Eakring residents are somewhat sceptical about this as we were assured that regulations would protect us from intrusive noise and shadow flicker from the wind turbines - they have not.

Figures received, under the Freedom of Information Act, from Bilsthorpe Surgery (appendix 1), show the local prevalence for respiratory problems and cancer is higher than the national prevalence, do we really need ANY deterioration in air quality?

With regard to noise we know from experience during the construction of the Highways Depot how the wind carries noise into the village, and are somewhat concerned that only one point in the village, on Bilsthorpe Road, was measured.

As well as emissions and noise, odour can be carried on the prevailing wind and this is also a concern.

Landscape and Visual Impact

The concerns here are for the cumulative effect on the landscape, with 6 wind turbines, 2 solar farms (another 1 approved), the Highways Depot, the T-pylons already very visible in the area.

In the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (2008) for the Highways Depot, it was suggested that -

'Due to the impacts on rights of way east of the site, and residential receptors west of the site, the overall Visual impact is assessed as being:

Moderate adverse impact: - using the definitions outlined in appendix 1, the proposed scheme would:

'Cause a noticeable deterioration in the existing view.'

As the average height of the Highways Depot buildings is one-third the height of the proposed facility buildings, these would surely have a greater impact, particularly with the size and bulk of the facility, and the two 60 metre exhaust stacks.

The WCS states that waste treatment facilities should be as close as possible to areas producing the waste. The built-up areas of Nottingham, Mansfield/Ashfield are some distance away.

Transport

The extra HGV movements would have an impact on the local roads, many local people already drive through Eakring and Wellow to access the A614 or Ollerton rather than face long waiting times and the dangerous junctions at Deerdale and Mickledale.

Wildlife

We are lucky to have several important sites of value to wildlife round the village such as Mansey Common, Eakring Meadows, Mill Lane, Lound Wood, Eakring Pastures, Dukes Wood, and the ancient woodland of Brail Wood and residents are concerned about the impact of emissions on these areas.

Tourism and Local Employment

Much has been made of providing local employment, but when questioned at one of the consultation days the developer admitted that they required specific skills and therefore would be few local jobs, and as with the wind farm specialist contractors with their own registered workforce may well be used during construction.

Newark and Sherwood's Core Document, adopted March 2011 seeks to promote tourism and protect wildlife within the Sherwood Area.

With attractions such as Center Parcs, with 450,000 visitors a year and employing 1,500 local people, Rufford Abbey and Park, described as one of Nottinghamshire's '*jewels in the crown*', 470,000 visitors, Sherwood Forest Country Park, 370,000 visitors, also Sherwood Pines, Clumber Park and Thorsby Hall tourism is a large employer in this area. What impact would this facility have on these visitors?

The area is thriving on this tourism with visitor numbers increasing each year and the proposed Sherwood SPA will boost this further.

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Dr L Robinson

35 Mickledale Lane
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NG22 8QB24th June 2015Dear Mrs ~~XXXXXX~~


Thank you for your request for information under the freedom of information act regarding the percentage of our patients diagnosed with respiratory problems and cancers.

I can give you the national prevalence and our surgery prevalence for these diseases as follows.

Diagnosis	National Prevalence	Surgery Prevalence
Asthma	6%	8%
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I hope this information is sufficient.

Yours sincerely


Karen W Mee
Practice Manager



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 6AA

FROM PADDY TIPPING, MP FOR SHERWOOD

7th March, 2005

Dear Resident,

Bilsthorpe and Waste Disposal

I wanted to write to you immediately to let you know that the Planning Inspector considering the County Council's Mineral Plan has concided that there should be no clay extraction at Belle Eau Park. Over the past couple of years local residents have been concerned about the activities of Banks and the company's desire to extract clay here.

The Planning Inspector's report could not be clearer. He has agreed with Nottinghamshire County Council that the site should not be included in the Minerals Plan. The County Council's Waste Plan already excludes the Belle Eau Park site.

Taken together, this means that Bilsthorpe residents will no longer be worried about rumours of clay extraction and waste disposal here. This has been a long story and I'm pleased to have worked with local people and the County Council to achieve a successful solution.

- * I'm also pleased to tell you that there is no truth in the suggestion that the County Council intend to open a waste disposal and recycling plant at the end of Mickledale Lane. I have received very firm assurances from the County Council that this has never been its intention.

This just leaves Waste Recycling Group's landfill site at Brailswood Road. This is a long standing waste disposal site which is nearing completion. On current estimates disposal of waste here will finish in a couple of years. The existing household amenity facility at the entrance to the site is to be relocated close by, again on Brailsford Road. The amenity site is a useful place for residents to take their rubbish.

- * Over the years, Bilsthorpe has taken more than its fair share of other peoples rubbish. Local residents want better for their family and their community. I know you will be delighted at the progress made.

Finally, if you would like more information, please don't hesitate to ring my colleagues, County Councillor Andy Freeman (01623 825334), District Councillor, Kevin Wakefield (01623 794478) or myself (0115 9640314).

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