

R. THORP

OUTLINE STATEMENT OF CASE

In respect of the Public Inquiry into the proposed development of 18 wind turbines at Middle Moor, North Charlton, by Npower,.

I will put the case against this development on the following grounds:

That the size and extent of the windfarm would dominate the landscape and far exceed its capacity to absorb change.

That the visual impact would have a detrimental effect on the views from the Heritage Coast AONB and on the unspoilt and tranquil countryside that provides the setting for many historic parks and castles.

That the proposal will compromise the setting of nearby listed buildings, particularly Charlton Hall

That the amenity of the area for the enjoyment of walkers,riders,cyclists etc. would be ruined.

That the siting of the turbines is such that residents will suffer disturbance from operational noise.

That the amenity of residents in the area will be detrimentally effected to the extent that property prices will be much reduced.

That there is a danger of causing a hazardous distraction to traffic on the nearby A1 trunkroad

That there will be a damaging impact on tourism in the county which will harm the broader economy.

I am aware of the widespread and strongly felt opposition to the siting of wind turbines in this beautiful unspoilt part of Northumberland and join with them in supporting the campaign of SANE (Save Northumberland's Environment).

I would request that the Inspector recommends that this development is not permitted to proceed..

Charlton Hall
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