

Helios EN010140

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Dear Sir/madam

In addition to my earlier submission, I would like to invite members of the planning committee to visit me at my location in the area of Chestercourt Cottages Hardenshaw Lane and The Black Dog Pub.

Having looked at maps over the years, I have found what the eye can see in a location, helps one to make a better-informed decision.

The object of the exercise, is to see where Helios propose to site, the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) plant, which will house a large number of sea containers, full of batteries, Transformers, Inverters, Fan coolers and associated electrical devices, **all of which produce noise**. The BESS is just one field away from our dwellings, and is approximately **525meters** away from my property, and the surrounding Pub and houses.

I can't overemphasise, that the PREVAILING WESTERLY WINDS, put ourselves directly in the firing line, with regard to noise (24 hours 365 days a year for 40 years) but also the potential of what lithium-Ion Batteries can subject both us to, and the quality land if they catch fire.

The village of Camblesforth with associated housing, is approximately **1425 meters/1.425km** also directly in the line of fire.

Whilst it is easy for some to say, that the probability of fire is low, it is a **fact** that these fires do occur!

The BESS is much too close to substantial, households with no consideration to the **prevailing Westerly winds**. It should be sited much further away from human habitation, but I suspect it was easy to site there with **minimal cost**.

SOLAR PANELS

Could the Planning Inspectorate get Helios to build a temporary Solar Panel, out of scaffolding, to scale at maximum height (Panels Rotate) so that we can actually see for real, what they propose to bestow upon us. The pictures in the leaflets etc I think, can give a false impression which can be deceiving.

May I suggest it be situated in a field alongside **the A 1041 Selby to Camblesforth** road-side stretch from Jowland Winn Lane to Crossley wood Just before The Black Dog Pub.

Whilst each company likes to suggest, that their complex would not have a detrimental effect on the area. I would like the Inspectorate to **strongly look again at the cumulative impact, surrounding our lovely village of Camblesforth**.

CUMULATIVE IMPACT

We have Drax Power Station.

There are two additional Solar Farms, which have been passed and are starting to be constructed around Camblesforth.

Camela Lane close to the northern village boundary of Camblesforth, on 113 hectares.

Wade House Lane to the south east of Camblesforth.

Together with the Helios site, Camblesforth will be totally surrounded and placed inside an Industrial Complex. Boom Power is hoping to build a Solar Farm near Howden which is just to the east of Drax. This will negate 1200 Hectares of food producing Land. We also have Rusholme wind farm, which is a 12-turbine wind farm located near Drax, in North Yorkshire. **Drax Power** is going to start recovering, a lifetime deposit of Pulverised Fuel Ash (PFA). Some by rail, but the rest by Road. **Drax Power** is to receive power from up North to come from Bridlington with all the upheaval that that will entail. **Drax Power** is looking to put in a carbon capture pipeline to the North Sea. All of these, will put extra vehicular strain on the A1041, which is already struggling at the present time, and the A645, irrespective of the new homes that are being, and going to be built in the area. The combination of all these schemes, that we will miserably have to endure, will take **years to build**.

Is this concentrated area, not doing more than enough, for the energy needs of our Country?

I think it is grossly misunderstood, what the recreational benefits our countryside and country lanes provide, in addition to producing abundant food to sustain us. I believe they provide not only physical wellbeing, but also mental wellbeing, **which is exactly what the Doctors prescribe**. This not only has benefits to the people who use them, but potentially reduces the burden on our already **overstretched National Health Service**. (What price can you put on that?)

It is my opinion that this small island we live in, cannot afford to **SQUANDER the precious land that feeds us, and our animals**. Please remember we have alternative means of making electricity. I believe there is a place for Solar Panels, **but not on top quality land that feeds us**.

You don't have to be Einstein to know the difference between right and wrong.

But for me, to do this, I believe is not only criminal, unethical, and an irresponsible thing to do. It will make us as a nation, less self-sufficient and more reliant on foreign imports and at what **cost/availability**.

It will make a relatively few people very rich, and the majority of people in the area, a lot poorer in many other ways, than just monetary.

Please reject this application and restore my belief in **COMMON SENCE**, not only for the country, our sake, but for our Children and our Children's Children.