

## DEADLINE 8 – FINAL SUBMISSION

The East Park Energy examination has been progressing in a rather disappointing manner with the applicant iterating the same lines over and over. Essentially ignoring everyone and everything that could help improve the scheme should the inspector be minded approving, to the point of calling black white and vice versa to suit their one-eyed narrative.

The applicants do not seem to have listened to any of the constructive comments made by individuals or local stakeholders during either the pre-application or examination process. Most of the individual interested parties and some stakeholders have a much better understanding of what is to be lost if this ill-thought-out proposal is given a green light. After all, they live there and traverse the local roads, footpath networks and use what limited facilities are available regularly.

For an examination process to blatantly ignore large parts of the input seem inexcusable and strangely it has not been highlighted as such. A great many questions remain unanswered and statements unchallenged.

The same concerns remain that were there at the outset, that of the **haphazard approach to site selection** – no there are no technical requirements for it to be sited 15kms from the connection (simply one of cost to the applicant), the high percentage of **BMV** land which would be much better utilised to help sustain the population with home grown food, the destruction of **wildlife habitats** such as skylarks, owls, bats and many more that will not return, the obliteration of a hitherto unspoiled, undulating landscape with many important local vistas, and the utter chaos that will be caused to the local road network by circa three years' worth of construction.

There are so many other points that I have highlighted in previous submissions and those of many other contributors that I believe demonstrate that the inspector should be minded recommending this scheme for rejection and not feel pressured by the lazy approach being advocated by the current misguided government.

I truly believe that in a few years' time and certainly within a generation there will be horror that this was even at one time considered to be a beneficial scheme, it will become a scandal.