

I would like to make the point that the design of this process works to the advantage of the applicant and professionals working within this field, but at the expense of the local community that is directly adversely affected. Whether the application is ultimately passed or not, is irrelevant, the stress and uncertainty that it is generating is having a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of our community. It has been for some time now. The process is complex and requires a vast amount of reading and is therefore widening inequality. The letter dated 10th October 2025 alone is 36 pages long. I simply do not have the time to read all the information that is required in detail to actually have a meaningful say.

With regards to the timetable, the lack of prior notice is a barrier to attending the upcoming meetings. My employers require at least 6 weeks notice to alter my work schedule (I require this to alter my clinics as my NHS patients are scheduled into my diary up to 6 weeks in advance).

All meetings are planned to take place within core working hours rendering it difficult for people like me, who work full time to have a voice. Would you consider scheduling a mix of evening and weekend hearings to improve equity?

Personally, I find it very disappointing that Health and Wellbeing has not been identified as a principle issue. Multiple representations have identified significant concerns about how this project will adversely impact the health of the local environment and inhabitants.

I welcome the fact that options to join the meeting virtually have been offered. For meetings where I have sufficient notice, I will endeavour to attend. I am also grateful that recordings will be made available. Overall, I do not think enough is being done to ensure that this is a fair, equitable and inclusive process.