

Having made numerous submissions throughout the examining process regarding all the negative effects of this application on me personally and on my community, I would like to comment on high level issues before moving onto local issues to conclude. They are both interconnected so please bear with me.

The first thing I would like to point out is that this application [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the present government and in particular [REDACTED].

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Net Zero is again the opinion of one person against another, one scientist against another and one party against another.

For any government to take forward something of this significance over this extended period of time, should be of a totally cross party consensus and has to take the communities of the country along with them on this journey.

Unfortunately, this is not the case, one party will install, one party will uninstall, one party will subsidise another party will not subsidise, this is not the way forward for our economy and the people of our country who will ultimately have to foot the bill for one party's ideology.

It has been estimated that in the quest for green energy the tax payer will have to commit to and raise £8 trillion pounds over the next 25 years to install so called green energy through solar and wind farms. Subsidies this country cannot afford and yet they will be committed to energy infrastructure that in the near future, will be outdated and lagging behind future innovations that our competitors will undoubtedly enjoy the benefit of.

Natural innovation will certainly evolve regarding energy supply sources and therefore committing ourselves to today's technology over such an extended period will become an unaffordable burden on the country that we will all have to live with.

We will eventually become a vassal industrial country as our industry fails due to our high energy costs and because of our 25 year subsidies commitment we will be unable to regain any form of standing globally.

We are committing ourselves to high energy prices and as a consequence high food prices, we are now importing 46% of our food and yet we continue to destroy our farming land and farming communities by cabling through their land for wind farms or covering it with solar panels.

Food security is just as important if not more so than energy security, one should not be to the detriment of the other.

Having said all that, let me now take it down a level to make comparisons with this particular application.

There are so many negative impacts on my community but let me concentrate on just one to provide some substance to my reasoning and hopefully have some influence on the final decision.

If M&M are making a case for this windfarm application to succeed on the basis that it is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, then let's make a comparison.

On the subject of Tourism [REDACTED], I ask for your thoughts on the following.

Would you not agree that Blackpool has been downtrodden and undeservedly ignored for many years by Westminster?

The North yet again taking the hit just like the HS2 project.

Tourism, as we all know, is at the heart of Blackpool, take that away and the heart will stop beating altogether. If you are born in Blackpool and you happen to have been born male, you will have the lowest life expectancy in the whole of England, Scotland and Wales. Almost 14 years less than the least deprived areas. Women are almost on a par and neither had a say or a choice in where they were born. Both also contend with having to spend the least amount of time in good health, which in my eyes classes them as disadvantaged. Again the marginalized do not appear to be of concern to [REDACTED].

The tourism economy is worth a much needed 2 billion pounds a year to Blackpool and attracts over 20 million visitors a year. The Hospitality businesses employ 24 thousand people. The people of Blackpool who lead a somewhat neglected existence, which benefits the enjoyment of others, rarely complain about their demise, yet get on with the job.

Foreign investment companies who have no empathy towards them are about to put the final nail in their coffin, simply to make the maximum return possible by way of the cheapest designs possible for their already extremely wealthy foreign stakeholders.

This surely has to influence even the most hard hearted of decision makers.

The Congestion and closures on the highways from infrastructure, aggregate, concrete and HGV workforce vehicles etc. will have a massive effect on Blackpool and the surrounding areas, even a layman can see this, it's not rocket science and it cannot be mitigated. Taking possession of Starr Gate alone will have an impact on the gateway to the promenade and the Blackpool lights, add to this the congestion and closures of trunk roads leading into and out of Blackpool and there is unfortunately only one outcome. Disaster.

So I put it to the examining authority that the Survival of Blackpool, the survival of hard working tax payers, the survival of a town that only gives and doesn't take, the survival of a town that has brought so much enjoyment to the country, fits the perfect description of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project far above and beyond, yet another wind farm from far flung shores.

So who deserves to be recognised as a NSIP, Blackpool or yet another Wind Farm.

Kind regards

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