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To Whom it may concern

I have tried to email the comments form but I had problems sending a completed form as it would not save anything I had added.

Therefore I send you a word document with all my comments that I would like you to consider.

Kind regards

Samantha Johnson

26a) CLIMATE CHANGE AND RENEWAL ENERGY

I read with interest your Selby District Mission Statement which is: to provide a distinctive rural district with an outstanding environment, a diverse economy and attractive, vibrant towns and villages where residents would have a high-quality of life.

My main concern is the cumulative effect on my environment by the proliferation of applications for renewable energy projects. This area has been swamped by the huge number of planning applications for wind farms. Residents have protested, but have been kept dangling about whether the Woodlane Wind Farm will go ahead – even though we have waited for 5 years. It seems that the proposers have unlimited time to submit their applications, whilst residents are harried to come up with arguments against them in a very short time. This application has been going on for too long and the developers should be sent packing.

We now have 40 applications for farm turbines in the area. The cumulative effect on our landscape together with 3 anaerobic digesters which circle my village of Beal, is unacceptable. Why do we persist with these numerous small projects when the local power stations are capable of a much bigger effect on output of electricity by converting to bio-mass? One hundred wind turbines over 400 feet in height would only produce 250MW of electricity at the most. Drax Power Station already produces 1000MW from bio-mass and, if allowed to expand, this could almost double its output. Eggborough Power Station may also be able to join Drax in producing energy this way.

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I have serious concerns about the health effects of wind turbines situated too close to housing. This is not the "vibrant village where I can enjoy a high-quality of life" that you suggest. I suffer with migraines which can be triggered by flickering lights. Imagine the quality of my life if I was subjected to the flicker and shadowing from a minimum of 14 turbines within my eyeline. More consideration should be given to the siting of wind farms and their proximity to residential housing if you are to meet your mission statement.

4 3.1 ENGAGEMENT PLAN

This document is so complex, it is practically impossible to prepare and produce complete and return comments within the allotted timescale. I would imagine that the majority of Selby residents would find this an overwhelming task and would not respond. This does not mean to say that they don't care about the plans, just that reading through all the information is prohibitively time-consuming.

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28 LOCALLY IMPORTANT HERITAGE ASSETS

We are fortunate to have an 865-year old church in Birkin. St Mary's Church is Grade 1 Listed and would be at serious risk from Woodlane Wind Farm and increased HGV movements in the area. The wonderful Apse and tower would be overshadowed completely by the massive turbines. This heritage we must be protected at all costs.