

## Viking Way(Howdale lane)

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Dear Mr Moore.

### **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Application No: S11/1922/FULL**

**Proposal: Two wind turbines (hub height 26.9m, rotor diameter 20m and total ground to tip height 39.6m)**

**and associated works.**

**Location: Lodge Farm, Main Street, Carlton Scroop, Grantham, NG32 3AU**

I formally object to the Planning Application as proposed, particularly as it applies to the Viking Way (Howdale Lane). The section that I am going to refer to passes close to the proposed turbines similarly to the ones at Belvoir where the application was turned down.

### **The Viking Way (Howdale Lane)**

The Viking Way stretches from the Humber to Oakham in Rutland. The Countryside Commission recognised the significance of it as a high quality long distance walk linking with other major routes, for example the Yorkshire Wolds Way at the northern end and the Hereward and Macmillan Way at Oakham. From there it can reach as far as the Peddars Way, Thetford in Norfolk via other local routes. Thus the Viking Way almost entirely forms part of European path E2. This route is suitable to be used all year round and is classed as "easy" to walk and passes many ancient settlements through the county with beautiful scenery and views.

It enters South Kesteven just north of Ancaster from the High Dyke, crossing fields to join Heath Lane on the outskirts of Carlton Scroop. From the top of this lane there are good views of the village below and further farmland. From there it crosses the A607 and, taking a right turn at the church, joins Howdale Lane. This lane is a Byway, rising up the little valley to cross the Hough on the Hill to Barkston road near Carlton Ashes. Here again the walker has far-reaching views to the south, including the spire of St. Wulfram's Church in Grantham. The Viking Way referred to in this objection was recently (2009) upgraded from a Footpath to a Permissive Byway by the Planning Inspectorate dealing with the case we brought requesting an upgrading from the old designation.

Our residents and visitors from far and wide do not come to the Carlton Scroop section of the Viking Way (Howdale Lane) to be overlooked by wind turbines interrupting their view of open unspoilt countryside which is so "quiet" and peaceful. The Viking Way was referred to recently in a BBC programme presented by Clare Balding and illustrated by the commentary description stating that "the walk was punctuated only with church spires".

### No confidentiality restriction

Thank you. I hear now that the Planning Meeting for this Application has been put back and is likely to be heard on December 13th.

Michael Worth.