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Kirby Hill
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Dear Mr Parkes

Re: Proposed New Motorway Services near Kirby Hill

I am writing to ask for your help to stop the proposed New Motorway Services near Kirby Hill.

I have quite a few objections which can be summarized as follows:-

1. The site has been considered for a Motorway Services at least three times in the last 20years. On all three occasions the application has been rejected by the Secretary of State. The last rejection was supposed to be final and confirmed no new MSA would be built near Kirby Hill.
2. As there is already a MSA at Wetherby only 12.8 miles away and planning permission has been granted for an upgrade to the services at Leeming Bar there is **No Need** for services near Kirby Hill.
3. Please note the Governments target spacing is 28 miles or 30 minutes driving time. Wetherby MSA to Leeming Services is 29 minutes away and 28.6 miles.
4. **Air Pollution:** It is well known that diesel exhaust emissions are bad for the environment. The proposal for a large lorry park (82 vehicles) and other facilities will mean a considerable increase in local pollution. The reason for this is that cars and Lorries are most efficient when maintaining a constant speed and emissions are then at their lowest. The introduction of the services will involve Lorries and cars slowing down and then accelerating away from the services. When vehicle are accelerating they are **least efficient and most polluting** ie the air quality near Kirby Hill will be negatively affected. I am particularly concerned about this as there is a primary school in Kirby Hill and these children will be put at increased risk of asthma and other breathing issues. Not to mention the affect on our diverse local wild life.
5. **Noise Pollution:** For the same reasons above (accelerating Lorries and cars) the noise from the area around the proposed will be significantly increased. This increased noise will be 24 hours daily and worse at night as most Lorries use this time compared to other vehicles.
6. **Light Pollution:** I'm sure for safety and security reasons the proposed MSA will be well illuminated at night. This will cause additional light pollution and spoil the character of the area.
7. **Water & Sewage:** I am sure Applegreen will have planned for this. However I have concerns that need to be addressed to my satisfaction. They are:-
 - a. Currently the water pressure at Kirby Hill is not great; I am concerned that the additional demands of a MSA could make it worse.
 - b. What is going to happen to sewage?
 - c. What is going to happen to surface water? Will it find its way into the river Ure and cause additional risk of flooding in Boroughbridge and York?
8. The proposed MSA near Kirby Hill is inappropriate because:-
 - a. It will adversely affect the open rural landscape around Kirby Hill
 - b. The proposed mounding around the MSA is out of character with the local area.
 - c. It will adversely affect the character and setting of Skelton Windmill (an important historic landmark)
 - d. The proposal for an elevated roundabout and new bridge would be a huge visual intrusion and provide additional light pollution to the area.
 - e. The long range views across open countryside (precious to locals) would be lost as they would be dominated by the MSA site.
 - f. The large loss of top quality agricultural land is unacceptable.

To summaries

The proposed Motorway Services are Not Needed and Not Wanted near Kirby Hill.

Yours sincerely


Mrs S Brown