

The Inspector will ask you to introduce yourself by providing:

- Your Name : **Fiona Barton**
- Who you are representing – **Representing myself as a resident of Hawksworth**
- Whether you support of object – **I strongly Object to this Application**
- If you have any relevant qualifications
- Whether you are happy to answer questions on your speech – **I am happy to answer qu**

I have lived in the village of Hawksworth for over **15** years. I was attracted to the area and the village due to its quiet, rural nature and close ties to its agricultural heritage.

I did not come here for its urban facilities or connection to the modern world. There are no shops, cafes or pubs in the village, internet only arrived in the last few years, mobile signals are very weak at best, and we still do not have mains gas.

Yet I love this environment and it has been crucial to my survival. I am now in remission from my third diagnosis of cancer. Being able to walk my dogs across the fields to experience the wide varieties of nature, the beautiful views and meet my neighbours are fundamental to my mental health . Watching the seasons develop day by day is wonderful and this will all be lost with the imposition of a massive industrial estate onto the fields we so love. A dangerous corridor tunnel will be all that remains of my walks across the open fields. Wider views from the lanes will be curtailed by huge hedges, which again will be tunnels in summer, in winter all we will see is an abysmal industrial construction through skeletal hedges.

For the 12 months or more of construction I fear for the access from the village to our work, our schools, our shops and health services in East Bridgford, Bingham and beyond. Not only will we be fighting against 40 or more huge HGVs on single track roads, more often in the dark in winter months, we will also be suffering a rapidly deteriorating road surface. Already, without much heavy traffic, every winter sees an increasing number of wheel breaking potholes along the proposed haulage route. The construction traffic can only make this much worse, much quicker. Even if the roads remain open, the damage to our vehicles must not be understated.

This application destroys our environment, our heritage and our access to services – for what. National Grid puts serious doubt on the need for this development.

I strongly object