

# Letters to the editor

## STAR LETTER WIND OF CHANGE

Six years ago my wife and I moved to the beautiful rural county of Lincolnshire, the open skies, verdant pastures, abundant wildlife and birdsong were a revelation, the tranquillity unsurpassed. We vowed that the only way we would leave our restored Lincolnshire farmhouse would be in a box.

Imagine, if you can, our utter devastation upon learning of a plan to install eight 125 metre tall wind turbines in the neighbouring fields, the nearest being 700 metres from our house. Be clear that we fully support the quest for clean renewable energy and that wind, although far from being the most reliable method, has a part to play, but not inland. The ideal location for wind turbines is out at sea where the wind is stronger, more consistent and it is possible to erect much larger and more efficient turbines which give greater electricity output without enormous cost to the local environment. Since learning of the proposed wind farm at Baumber, near Horncastle, we have undertaken extensive research into wind farms and their effects on nearby residents

and the environment. The results are terrifying. Health risks and the loss of birds and bats due to the rotating blades, alongside the visual impact is enormous. The negative effect of these results also leads to a dramatic reduction in property value.

So who benefits from this industrialisation of our rural landscape? Well, one person, the landowner, does very well and the wind generating company will make good profits thanks to very generous government subsidies to send back to head office in Germany. It will create no jobs other than

those associated with construction, bring no money into the local community, positively discourage tourism, blight the landscape and destroy the quality of life of the local residents. I fully appreciate that farming is a business and businesses must make a profit but can this wholesale destruction of our rural Lincolnshire, our abundant wildlife and the ruination of many people's lives really be justified?

*Gary Grysa  
Minting*

**Editor's reply:** Do any of our reader's share this opinion? Write back with your comments to the address below.


## SLEAFORD BY NAME

I was very interested in your article about Sleaford. I note it was originally named Eslaforde. I attended a private school named Eslaforde in 1930. I wondered where it had got its name from. It

was run by Muriel Mettam, whose parents were in business at that time.

*I Elnor  
Long Bennington*

**Editor's Reply:** Do any of our readers remember the school in question?



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