

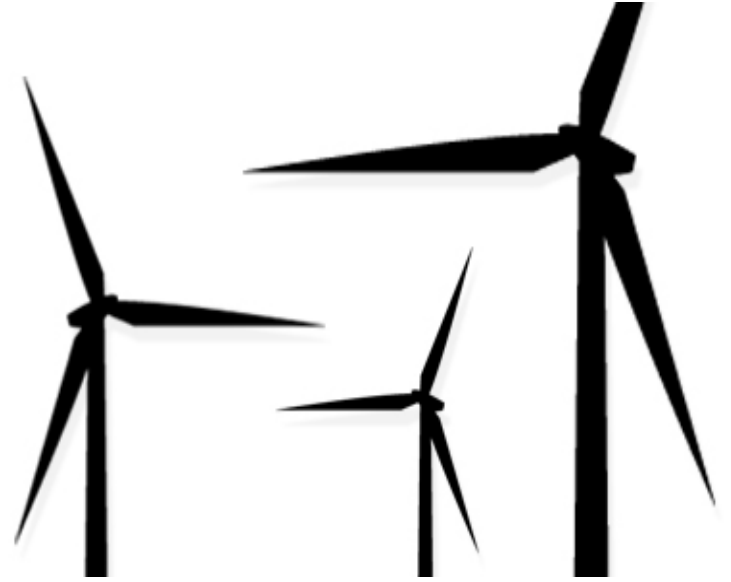
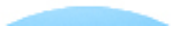
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**Representing Vulnerable Rural Communities
against the Industrial Wind Turbine Invasion**

Welcome

PRESENTATION

Tetney Village Hall

Sat 09 May 2015

Melvin Grosvenor

Chairman

**Marsh Windfarm Action
Group**

BISHOPTHORPE WIND FARM INQUIRY OUTCOME

**What does Localism possibly
mean?**

Secretary of State Decision

Bishopthorpe Wind Farm

Inspector's recommendation and summary of the appeal decision.

“The Inspector, recommended that the appeal be allowed and planning permission granted.

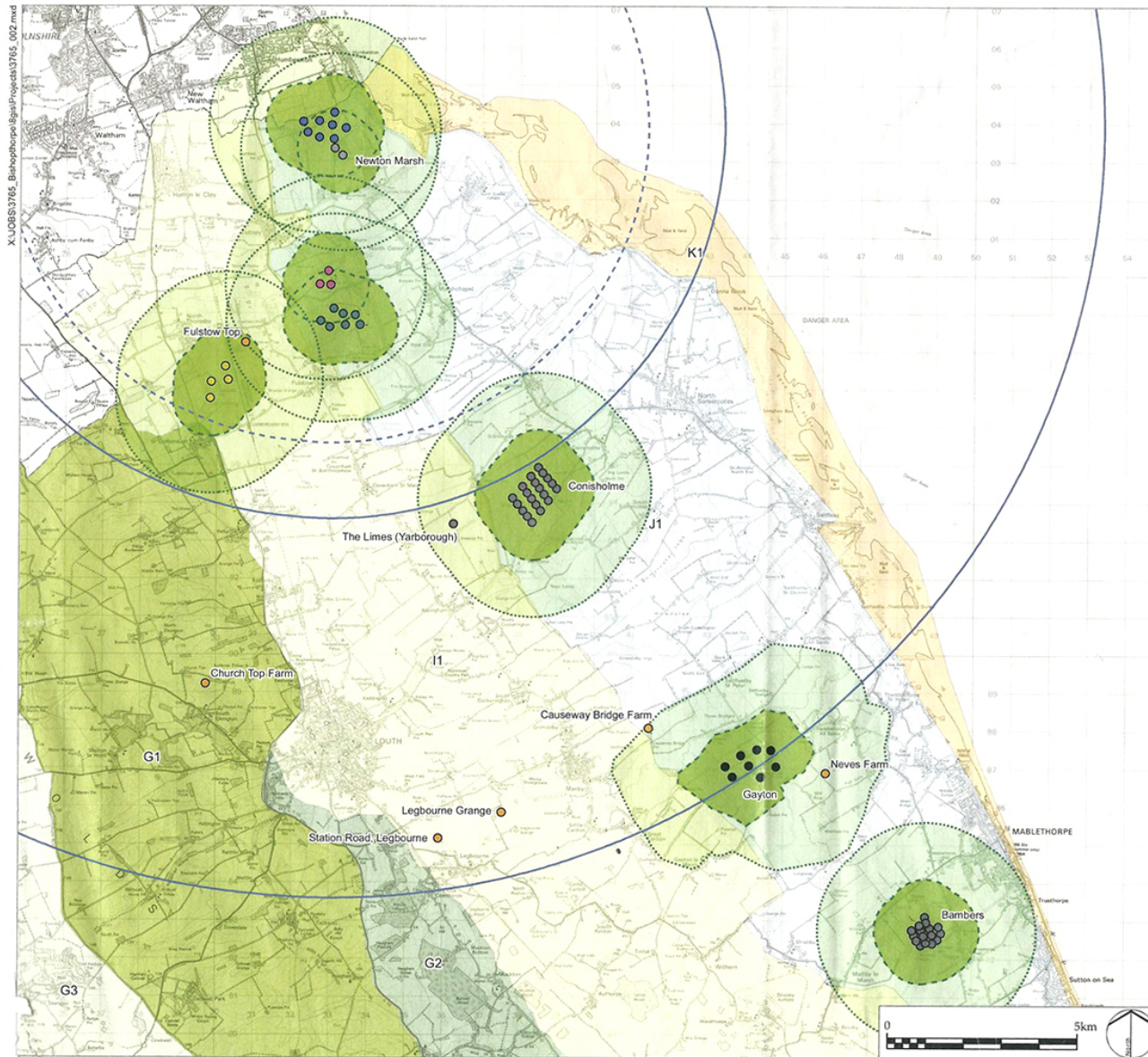
For the reasons given below, the Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector's conclusions”.

Secretary of State's reasons

1. Landscape and Visual Impact

The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector's summary of his findings on the impact of the proposed development on the character and visual qualities of the area.

He agrees to, it is **not** clear that the landscape character and visual impacts **would be significantly harmful** to the amenities of people living and working in the area in the sense that it would impact upon the conditions experienced as they go about their lives.



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Landscape and Visual Cumulative Impact

The Inspector also stated:

Accepting the inevitable cumulative impact with the 2 existing turbines at Newton Marsh, there would be some, but limited cumulative impact in combination with the Wind Farms at Fen Lane Fulstow (now at appeal) and Damwells Farm Wind Farm along with the turbine at Fulstow Top if those schemes are developed;

Landscape and Visual Cumulative Impact....

There would be a **major adverse** impact on landscape character when close to the turbines, but this would **reduce to moderate impact beyond about 1km, and quickly recede thereafter;**

There would be a high to medium adverse visual impact within 5km of the wind farm, **with the highest level of impact generally within 2km**

Landscape and Visual Impacts on AONB....

Impact on the character and visual qualities of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB **would be minor, with no conflict with the objectives of Local Plan Policy C11.**

Overall, therefore, I consider that the impact on the character of the Wolds and the visual appreciation of their surroundings **would be little changed by this proposal.**

Landscape and Visual Impacts

Inspector's conclusions....

**Travelling within the area would bring
different wind energy developments into
vision,
but there would be
no overriding impression of being in an
extensive landscape dominated by such
developments.**

2. Heritage Assets

The Secretary of State has carefully considered the Inspector's findings on heritage assets.

The Secretary of State accepts the Inspector's overall conclusion that there is **less than substantial harm** to the setting of the Grade I Tetney Church, but **no** harm to the setting of any other designated or undesignated heritage asset, **which includes the Humberston Fitties.**

3. Living Conditions

The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector's assessment of the impact on the outlook from the chalets at Thorpe Park and from dwellings surrounding the appeal site. He also agrees with the Inspector's assessment about the issue of noise.

He therefore agrees with the Inspector's overall conclusion that there are **no grounds to conclude that the **living conditions of nearby residents or visitors would be unacceptably harmed.****

4. Tourism.

**For the reasons given by the
Inspector the Secretary of
State agrees that there is **no**
evidence of the **likelihood of**
any material impact on
tourism in the area.**

5. Balancing exercise and overall conclusion.

LOCAL COMMUNITIES CONCERNS.

Like the Inspector, the Secretary of State is **not** convinced that the weight of public opinion here is against the proposal as firmly as suggested, and he does **not accept the suggestion that local objection is so strong that it must be of great weight.** The Secretary of State agrees that this case should be determined on its merits without reference to the number of people reported as supporting one side or the other.

Overall conclusions cont...

Secretary of State concludes that the social benefits would be provided by the provision and security of supply of renewable energy and assisting combating climate change.

Like the Inspector he agrees there would be gains in the provision of employment and services but considers these economic benefits would not be guaranteed to be felt in the local area.

These benefits attract substantial weight in favour of the proposal.

Like the Inspector, the Secretary of State concludes that the negative impacts would be acceptable in this instance when weighed against the positive benefits. Furthermore, in the terms of paragraph 98 of the NPPF, he agrees that the impacts are acceptable.

ASC Renewables Advocate evidence to the Inspector stated:

*It is frequently claimed by people in the position of MWAG that they speak for the majority. **It is important that it should be recorded that there is no evidence to this effect at all.** Although planning should not be carried out by plebiscite it is clear from announcements of the Secretary of State, **and from some appeal decisions issued by him, that importance is increasingly attached to the opinions of local people. Therefore it is right to record the lack of any evidence of a majority against this development.***

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY ASC AT THE INQUIRY

Furthermore the Appellant's planning witness Mr D Hendley rebuttal document to **MWAG** stated:

"The appellant during the course of the appeal, also submitted 372 letters of support for the development. These showed a significant numbers of supporters in the near vicinity of the site, including in the villages in East Lindsey nearest the development and Humberston, in North East Lincolnshire".

MWAG's Evidence stated:

The area's unique and recognised value is clearly appreciated by the majority of the local impacted Parish Councils who objected to this proposal on legitimate grounds at the outset of this application.

This was again clearly endorsed and expressed in the representation made to the inquiry by Mr John Loomes, Chairman of the Collaboration of Local Parish Councils, representing all 13 local Parish Councils Tetney & Tetney Lock, Humberston, Holton le Clay, North Cotes, Fulstow, Marsh Chapel, Conisholme, Covenham, North Thoresby, Ludborough, North Somercotes, Yarburgh and Utterby.

The Collaboration evidence stated: “Collectively we consider that due to the physically constrained area between the higher ground of the Lincolnshire Wolds AONB and the flat open Marsh landscape bordered by the coast the visual and landscape character impacts are significantly greater than other areas across the country”.

MWAG shares this concern, along with the potential impacts on visitors’ appreciation and enjoyment of the area over the ensuing generations. ELDC’s stance for refusal was also endorsed by the unprecedented number of 835 objection letters submitted by local residents from within the vulnerable rural communities in close proximity to and surrounding the Bishopthorpe Farm site, approximately up to 10km.





**ASC RENEWABLES
SUPPORT LETTERS LOCATION
MAP SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE
TO THE INQUIRY**

Bishophorpe Farm Windfarm Letters of Support Combined

(Collected November 2012 & July 2014)

Site Name: Land at Bishophorpe Farm, Tetney

Map Key:

-  Site Boundary
-  30km Buffer
-  Address Points (Collected 27 / 28 November 2012)
-  Address Points (Collected 12 / 13 July 2014)

OS Map: 1:250,000 Scale Colour Raster (OS Open Data)
Grid Tile: TA, TF

Source of Data: ASC Software

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MWAG EVIDENCE IN RESPONSE TO SUPPORT LETTERS SUBMITTED

An analysis of the **'372 support letters'** canvassed by activist's commissioned by ASC, revealed that the letters located ***'in the near vicinity of the site'***, did NOT amount to the **'significant numbers'** as claimed.

The number of letters signed from each location are:

Humberston Fitties **2** Thorpe Park **2** Humberston **25** Cleethorpes **30**
Grimsby **3** New Waltham **2** Holton le Clay **2** North Cotes **1**
Conisholme **2** North Thoresby **2** Marsh Chapel **2** Fulstow **2** Manby **4**
Theddlethorpe **4**, Grimoldby **4** Scamblesby **1** Belchford **1** as indicated
on ASC's support letters location map, along with letters from
Dundee, Glasgow, Leicester & Teesside.

The largest number 190 (51%) were from LOUTH.

**ASC RENEWABLES COMMISSIONED
JONATHAN LINCOLN CO-ORDINATOR
OF THE
SUSTAINABILITY ENERGY ALLIANCE
TO CANAVAS FOR THESE
SUPPORT LETTERS**

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Site last updated April 16th 2015

Coordinator - Jonathan Lincoln

SEA - Making waves since 2005.....

UK wind energy installed capacity as of April 16th 2015...

Onshore number of turbines 4,853 - Installed capacity 8,071 megawatts

Offshore number of turbines 1,184 - installed capacity 4,049 megawatts

Wind power - total installed capacity 12,120 megawatts

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**SUPPORT FOR THE BISHOPTHORPE FARM (NEWTON MARSH EXTENSION) WINDFARM APPLICATION AT
BISHOPTHORPE, TETNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE**

Date: 10th June
2014

Planning Application:
N/178/01969/12
Planning Inspectorate:
APP/D2510/A/14/2213150



Dear Sir,

I would like to register my support for the Bishopthorpe Farm (Newton Marsh Extension) windfarm planning application at Bishopthorpe, Tetney, Lincolnshire. I have had the opportunity to consult the planning application and associated materials for the project.

I believe that:

- This windfarm will, if built, number 8 wind turbines and have a total installed capacity of up to 24 MW. The project will generate enough green renewable energy to meet the equivalent demands of between 7,627 and 11,451 homes each year, offsetting the release of between approximately 15,790 and 23,685 tonnes of CO₂ per annum.
- This windfarm will make a significant contribution to local and national renewable energy targets over its 25 year lifespan.
- Any potential visual impact must be placed in the context of the widespread environmental damage which climate change could cause in the area, and I accept the windfarm as a necessary feature on the skyline.
- The windfarm would not affect my enjoyment of living in or visiting the area.
- The annual community fund of £5,000 per MW per annum, to be used to lower electricity bills for local people and for community-based projects, is a material benefit of the windfarm.
- Wind energy enjoys a consistent and clear majority of public support. In the April 2014 Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) Public Attitudes Tracker, 70% of people said they support the development of onshore wind – the highest ever figure since DECC's regular opinion polls began in March 2012.
- Onshore wind is currently the cheapest deployable renewable energy technology in the UK, and cheaper than new nuclear.
- Nearly 19,000 people currently owe their jobs to the UK's onshore wind industry, with potential for thousands more over the next decade.
- Wind power must and will play a vital part in our energy mix alongside other renewables such as wave, tidal, solar and energy efficiency.
- The UK has a commitment to international legally-binding carbon emission and renewable energy targets and these must be taken seriously.

My personal message is:

AS A RESIDENT OF LINCOLNSHIRE, I FULLY SUPPORT
WINDPOWER - WIND FARMS SUCH AS THIS ARE THE

Please APPROVE this application.

Signature:

ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE
SERIOUSLY TO FIGHT
CLIMATE CHANGE !!

CANVASSING FOR SIGNATURES IN LOUTH



CANVASSING FOR RWE IN NORTH WALES



CANVASSING IN SEASTALL



**DEVELOPERS ACROSS THE
COUNTRY HAVE COMMISSIONED
THIS ACTIVIST IN SUPPORT OF THEIR
WIND FARMS
FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME.**

BUT ARE **YOU AWARE OF THE OPINION
BEING EXPRESSED ABOUT **YOU** AND YOUR
CONCERNS FOR THE COUNTRYSIDE
IN WHICH YOU LIVE?**

**THE SUSTAINABLE
ENERGY ALLIANCE
WEB SITE ALSO HOSTS
A VIDEO PAGE**

**WITH A
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SEA Three Peaks Declaration June 21st 2009 Snowdon summit

Windy Nimbys <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xp15ThtmrNA>

Swaffham turbine <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwmaCmwtFU>

Climate challenge <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzj0c0cQ9U>

Animation <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TaBoLqds-Bg>

Further youtube video links to follow !

Comments

You do not have permission to add comments.

WARNING

THE CONTENT OF THIS '***WINDY NIMBY***' VIDEO
LINK POSTED ON THE 'SEA' WEB SITE YOU ARE
ABOUT TO SEE **MAY SHOCK YOU.**

THIS IS NOT INTENDED BY **MWAG** TO OFFEND
YOU IN ANY WAY BUT YOU **ALL** DO NEED
TO BE AWARE OF THE **FACTS.**

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**REMEMBER THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S
CONCLUSIONS IN HIS DECISION**

***'he does not accept the suggestion that local
objection is so strong that it must be of great
weight'***

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO NOW?

**1. ADD YOUR NAME IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY
DONE SO TO THE MWAG PETITION.**

***“We collectively wish to register a
serious complaint to the Secretary of State
DCLG, that we consider our
legitimate environmental concerns have
NOT been given sufficient weight under the
'localism agenda' and therefore they appear
to have been subverted and compromised”.***

**THE PETITION WILL FORM THE BASIS OF A
COMPLAINT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THAT THE INSPECTOR HAS MISS
REPRESENTED THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED
TO HIM BY MWAG AND THE
COLLABORATION OF PARISH COUNCILS
REPRESENTING YOU AT THE INQUIRY.**

“What does localism possibly mean”?

**2. ASC RENEWABLES NEED TO BE
MADE FULLY AWARE THAT THEIR
MIS- APPROPRIATION OF EVIDENCE TO
THE INQUIRY IS BEING CHALLENGED
AND THAT THEIR WIND FARM IS **NOT**
WANTED ANY 'COMMUNITY GAIN'
OFFERED WILL **NOT** PACIFY THE LOCAL
COMMUNITIES**

**3. YOU CAN SHOW YOUR OBJECTIONS BY
SUPPORTING THE MWAG PROTEST WALK
TOMORROW SUNDAY 10 MAY
FROM 11.00AM
WHILE A BLIMP IS FLYING AT THE HEIGHT
OF THE TURBINES.**

**PLEASE TAKE A SPONSOR FORM &
REGISTER AFTER THE MEETING.**

BLIMP FLIGHT AT GAYTON LE MARSH



**4. REGISTER ON MWAG'S CONTACT LIST
WITH YOUR NAME ADDRESS AND MOST
IMPORTANTLY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
SO YOU CAN RECEIVE EMAIL UP DATES
AFTER THE MEETING.**

**YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ON
www.mwag.org.uk
in the contact us box.**

**5. PRACTICALLY SUPPORT MWAG WITH A
MONTHLY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION.**

**MWAG CAN ONLY TO CONTINUE TO
SUPPORT YOU AGAINST THESE RUTHLESS
DEVELOPERS THROUGH YOUR
VOLUNTARY SUPPORT**

**MWAG BANK DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE
PLEASE ASK FOR DETAILS**

**6. Both the Fulstow Wind Farm and the
Turbine Application at Grainthorpe
are now at appeal.**

**MWAG especially needs residents in
North Cotes, Fulstow and Grainthorpe
area to assist in these appeals.**

**Please ensure you register your
email contact
details today or register on the web site.**

ANY QUESTIONS ?

COMMUNITY GAIN FIGURES

ASC Renewables' proposal:

Wind Farm capacity: 8 Turbines Approx. 16MW – 24MW per year

Capacity per year £5,000 per MW per year

Time needed to generate £2.5 million:

16MW £80,000 31.25 years

24 MW £120,000 20.83 years

LIFE SPAN OF TURBINES

View of Years INDUSTRY 20 – 25 years

RENEWABLE ENERGY FOUNDATION 12 – 15 years

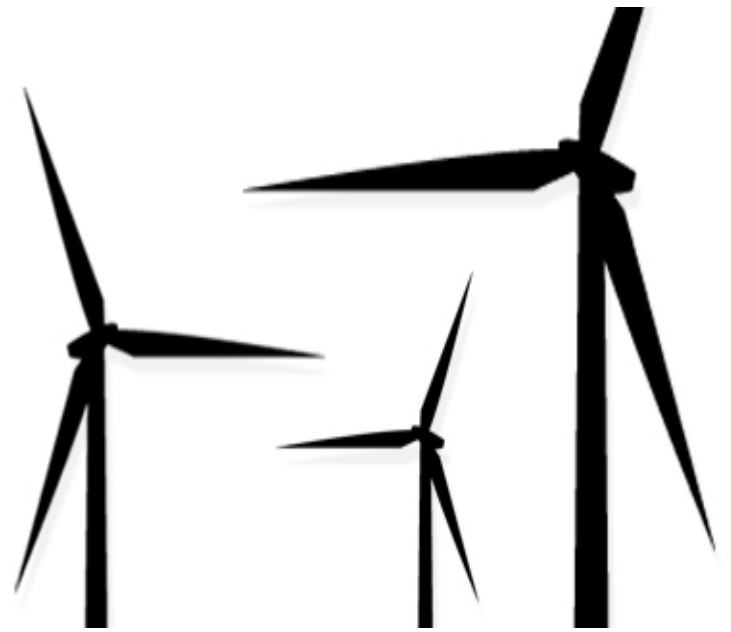
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"Facts are facts, you can bury justice because you're powerful, but truth has never had a grave in history, you can't bury the truth."

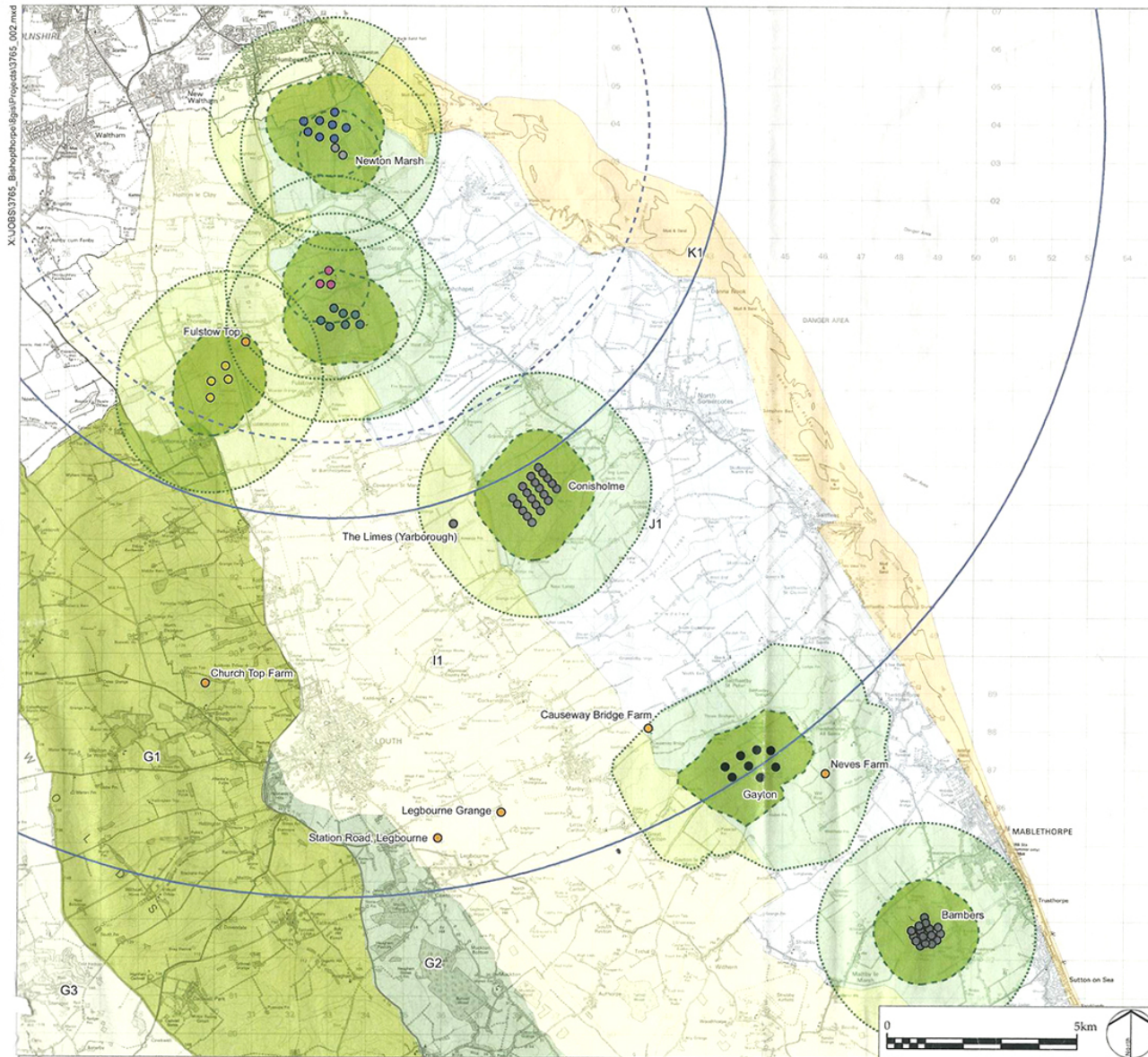
***Assadour Guzelian*, an Armenian whose family suffered during the Armenian genocide.**

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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
TOGETHER
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



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