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Dear Ed,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my letter of 9 October.

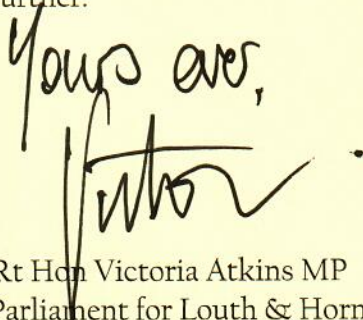
I was disappointed to read your response, which avoided answering many of the concerns and questions I had raised. I will return once again to these points and hopefully you will be able to provide my constituents and I with fuller answers.

My previous letter raised my constituents' concerns about the impact of a huge number of new energy and infrastructure projects which are being proposed for our undeveloped part of Lincolnshire. These projects and proposals are all running their own consultations and, despite some being contingent upon others, all being looked at only on their own merits. No thought is being given to the cumulative impact that these will have upon our local area. I urge you to conduct a Cumulative Impact Assessment and look at these as a whole.

To local people, these are not separate projects, but the result of policy choices being made by the Government, and the impact they have will not be felt separately. The majority of people would not mind the impact of one new house being built next to them, however if you were to construct a new village around them, this would inevitably have a larger impact, regardless of whether it was built one house at a time. This is how people locally feel, fed up with the drip-feed of new proposals, confused at the lack of co-ordination and disregarded by the Government that is ignoring their voices.

Your response also failed to address how my constituents feel that Lincolnshire is not being treated in the same way as other areas of the UK with the proposals for pylons. What they would like to see is the same level of consideration that other areas have had on how visual and environmental impacts can be minimised. I would again call for you to conduct a thorough and, most importantly, independent review of the various methods of electricity transmission.

I look forward to hearing from you further.

Yours ever,


The Rt Hon Victoria Atkins MP
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