Power Station Proposal on Reach Road

There is a planning application to place 20 gas powered generators on Reach Road. Each generator has a huge 89 litre fossil fuelled engine. The plant has a total engine capacity equivalent to 1000 cars and generating enough power for 80,000 homes; this is no small backup power system for the village. These generators could power two city's the size of Cambridge and yet most villagers were not aware of this application to build this power station. This is set to add significant air and noise pollution to the village, and may damage local wildlife sites.

Noise is set to be reflected over the Swaffham side of the village and the nearby nature reserves. One aspect of particular concern is the effect it will have on the barn owls ability to hunt on the fields nearby to the site. Barn owls are sensitive to noise, they can't hunt effectively with background noise as they must hear their prey. Noise is planned to be directed over their hunting grounds.

NOx air pollution emission from the plant which causes acid rain and heath problems, will be blown over the village by the dominant south westerly wind. For a village famous for its clunch stone, which is very sensitive to acid erosion this is not good news for our heritage. There is no need to locate the plant where they plan on the edge of the village. Burwell has the super grid connection capable of powering London, with one of the largest transformers in the UK located at the substation and yet they want us to believe we need to generate fossil fuel power within the village. If there are no restrictions put in place, this power station could be run 24 hours a day emitting higher levels of pollution.

The planning application is split into two applications East Cambs District Council 17/01071/FUL & 17/01072/FUL