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THIS MATTER

Chief Executive
Robert. Nelson

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colleague,

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West Lindsey has a higher concentration of genetically modified (Scale Evaluations) than anywhere else in the country. My Members present have grave concerns about several aspects of these trials at Ministerial level within Government. We have been asked to write in writing which we have done. However we have been expected to Government now for some two years, with little result.

The main issue with us is that these trials are not subject to an independent review before approval and we believe they should be. One way to bring applications within the development control process. The Environmental Minister, Michael Meacher M. P. has stated his opinion that if enough Councils objected to the trials then it would continue. He has also continually stated in the past that, in talking with us, that he agrees that the legislation governing local government consent is totally inadequate.

My Council has recently debated the issue again and has recommended that independent consultation and consent should form part of the application process.