

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE WATER ORDER 1972
Evidence of Board's Engineer on Possible
Alternative Site.

1. The statement made in paragraph 19 of my main proof leaves little choice in the selection of a site. The only possible alternative to the selected site would have been to have constructed the reservoir about 1,500 feet further to the east where both the soil conditions and the land contours would have been equally acceptable.
2. This alternative, shown on the map marked CC10, would have had some advantage to the Board in as much as the large diameter inlet and outlet pipes would have been substantially shorter and proportionately less costly. It would also have meant the reservoir being a little further away from the village.
3. The objections to siting the reservoir nearer to the canal seemed, so very obviously, to outweigh any advantages, I had no hesitation in deciding in favour of the more westerly site.
4. The main objections were:-
 - (a) The cottage on the road to America Farm, and the farm holding Poplar Grove would have had to be demolished.
 - (b) Three domestic properties on the north side of the road to High Bridge would have been seriously affected.
 - (c) America Farm would have become even more isolated from the village and a new access road would have had to be constructed along either the east bank or the north bank of the reservoir.
 - (d) The High Bridge road would have had to be used to get access to the site, and it seemed that to have construction traffic using the village roads would have placed an intolerable burden on the community.

Whilst the easterly site would have left intact the farm holdings of Messrs. Bowers, East, Shucksmith and Wilkinson, an equal area of additional land would have been needed from Messrs. Fridlington, Pridgeon Brothers, and another.