

Oaklands Farm Solar Park application for non-material change 2025 (SI 2025/739
EN010122

Good Afternoon

I wish to formally inform you that I requested hard copy documents to be sent to myself on 28.6.26. The email was acknowledged as received 28.6.26 by Oaklands Solar Farm to date nothing has been received despite local community leaflet stating I could request documents and maps in hard copy version (Appendix 1)

The maps I have read online are of particular concern and I hope are I hope not to scale as they appear to have encroached onto my 93 year old Father's land (Appendix 2)

As an adjacent neighbour to this Industrial Solar Farm I remain extremely disappointed that the changes of application have not yet been discussed with myself or Father. I have lived on the same site as my Father for 30 plus years so I know the land and the lanes well. The impacts on neighbouring farmers are significant and I am aware of other farmers not being formally contacted by Oaklands Solar Farm team.

I did attend the Consultation meeting 22nd April 2026 and came away with more questions than answers. No one was actively taking contact details or writing down my questions. Despite the fact I left my details email telephone and address I would have hoped for direct engagement with the new team that were present that evening. To date I have had no contact.

One of my particular concerns was hedgerow and proximity of solar panels as adjoining mature woodlands and ditches which flood on a regular basis in winter rainy months and the need to access mature hedges for contractors. No representatives present could answer my questions and in reality appeared to have little knowledge of the difficulties local villages face in these lanes on a daily basis with traffic issues and flooding in the winter constantly at Corner Farm Rosliston Road where haul track is to be sited. One conversation was that they were considering raising the road near Corner Farm but I find it unclear from current documents on line where exactly this change is referring too. I did discuss this lane had been permanently closed a few weeks earlier by Cadent for the weekend due to frequent gas leaks. Cabling and haul track in the area of Corner Farm remains a concern to local residents utilities run under this lane and will undoubtedly affect the abundant wildlife bog area brook adjacent to site.

Barn owls and swallows multiple wildlife have been sited adjacent fields to haul track. I personally have seen barn owls bats swallows and monkjack deer on my Father's small holding.

Change 1 No 1 (a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station)

Without being able to read accurate maps it is difficult to comment but main concerns are the increase in substation size and increase of energy capacity can only add to the already high risk of fire and noise. An increase in 3.4 % sounds significant on a site that has been previously been reduced in size and resubmitted plans show more concentrated solar panels

Change 2 Solar PV Panels

The maps I have reviewed on line are concerning the solar panels look like they are touching the adjacent bordering land, despite stating there will be a buffer zone which is now reduced to 5m. Without adequate details which I have not received to date it's difficult to comment on how height increase will have an effect on glint and glare noise levels for 2 years will undoubtedly increase with extra piling depth

Change 3 MV Transformer Station increased by 3 m length. My question is how is the land going to ever to be returned to best versatile land in 40 when skids for the transformation stations are to be compiled of concrete sand and gravel?

Has the decommissioning process now been amended to highlight these changes and how the will the decommissioning process reflect the return to best most versatile land. This is an industrial scale solar power station and as such I do not believe should be recorded as non material

Change 4 Blast wall size increasing by 1m this is already documented as important for safety reasons so again raises concerns re fire safety. With these changes is a new fire report required?

Change 5

The depth of jointing bays has doubled again raising concern for the land and existing land drains. My fathers land has natural springs a small pond and brook so further coverage of land can only affect run off waste water which could affect wildlife and amphibians in the water courses on adjacent lands

Do these changes require further environmental studies?

Change 6 Onsite cabling why has minimum cable depth changed to 0.7m?

At the Public Consultation meeting in April 2026 at Rosliston Forestry Centre it was discussed with myself regarding the submission of this re- application to increase transformer capacity size but no one discussed the impacts these changes will on the whole site.

Change 7 Why does it state permanent internal access track my understanding is that track in temporary during construction ? which access road is it referring too?

I am unsure where the purposed build up of road is located?

At the Public Consultation meeting it was discussed that ? the haul track road near section close to Corner Farm may be raised due to heavy traffic across the lane

I am disappointed that I have had no follow with representatives from Oaklands Solar Farm despite inviting them to meet with me in April 2026. I am more disappointed that despite my request for more information in hard copy format this to date has also not been received.

One serious issue I wish to raise is that it appears that despite a government sign off Oaklands Solar Farm are going to be allowed to be self governing in all aspects of managing this project.

Overall to summarize the newly submitted application appears to potentially now alter environmental effects previously assessed

Hedgerows

Glint and glare visual impacts

Drainage and flood risks run off risk of contaminated waste

Soil conditions

Ecological impacts and construction impacts with extra noise ? hours extended

Fire risk

I request to be notified of the name of the Reportable Officer and remain concerned if this huge project remains self governing.

Yours sincerely

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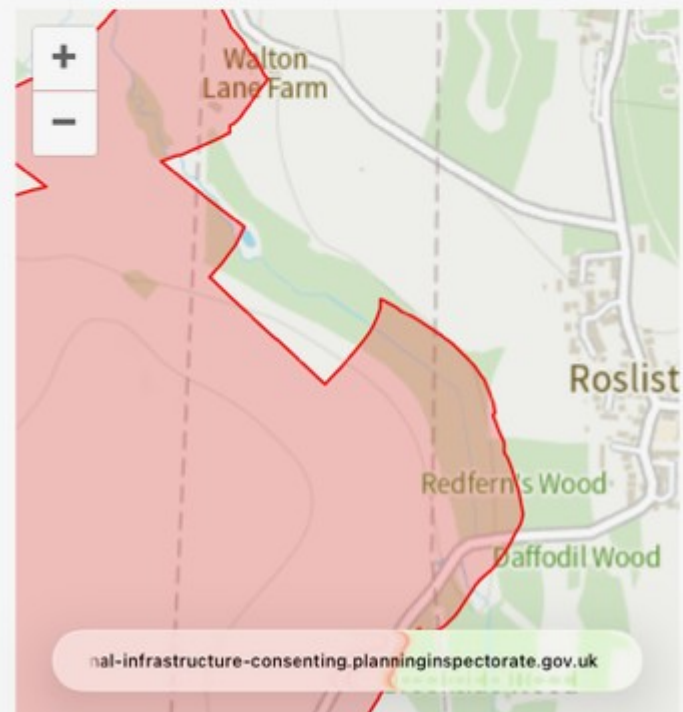
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[What you can do after the decision has been made.](#)

Project location

Land at Rosliston Road, south of Drakelow Power Station

[Download the geospatial map boundary file \(JSON\)](#)



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Re EN010122

Dear Mr Ledsham

Please find attached appendix 2 re map

Mr Kenneth Redfern Redferns Woodlands boarder the Oaklands Solar farm

Please advise if any other issues

I am confident this map is not to scale but I would like to be clear regarding boundaries as mature woodland is immediate neighbour to this site and need to ensure buffer of 5m is correct before fencing goes up as fire precaution and access would be required for hedge cutting. The maps show solar panels up to this boarder on the maps I have seen ???

Kind Regards

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