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Thank you for the opportunity to expand my written representation in an area I feel strongly about; the intrinsic link between, landscape and the well being of humans and that of our native wildlife and plant life.

The proposal is earmarking an area of wide open spaces set within rolling hillsides, that is crossed by many brooks and small rivers, all adding to its unique character. There are very little light pollution or industrial noise pollutions. This makes it a popular place for those wishing to give their heads a rest from everyday life. It is a quiet place where birds can not only be heard, but also individual species can be identified, it is a haven for walkers, horse riders and cyclists of all ages and from near and far. The PROW network is valued and well used. The ramblers work with the rights of way officers and the rights of way forum, providing volunteer labour to help maintain this access.

These factors and that it is a safe environment attracts many of the state and academy schools in addition to local schools to bring groups here for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The campsite at Little Staughton perfects this location for them. In all, this landscape provides an environment and a feel that many don't get the opportunity to experience in their everyday locations. This will not be the case if this proposal is permitted. What a great loss to these young people.

The area homes many species of wildlife that are roamers by nature, those that build homes in banks, woodlands and hedgerows, those that feed on insects above the watercourses and the field margins situated around most of the fields that at present are here, which are ideal for plant diversity and to provide safe breeding areas for ground nesting birds and mammals such as hares and several species of deer. There are few fences that stop their ability to roam.

This an area of arable farming due to the quality of the land, there are however, due to Government funding many field margins and headlands that are managed for wildlife and native flora.

This solar farm proposal would change the area for all living things that thrive here. It would become a hostile environment. Fencing, noise and light pollution and any more vehicular access routes. There would no longer be wide open spaces with views and vistas stretching for miles. What is proposed is to replace this open landscape with narrow fenced corridors, in most instances along the routes of existing PROWS (it is a legality to keep these) which the wildlife would have to share with humans and vehicles, as these in the main are the areas shown as wildlife corridors. Gone would be the arable fields, being replaced with an industrial landscape of glass plastic and metal and a constant noise for the next forty years. This would be at an unbearable level for all living things during the three year construction phase.

This cannot be considered to be a fair trade in the eyes of anybody or organisation that has any compassion for our natural world. The proposal would not provide a 10% biodiversity gain when all the losses from the existing landscape are factored in.

This area has many other solar developments and these are evidence to the fact that the landscape is decimated and any tree, hedgerow planting and grassed areas are left unmaintained and this results in very little evidence of thriving plants and all contain species that are not fit for the area

Nobody or anything that is part of or uses this area is being given a fair exchange, it is all take by these developers, who will, if this proposal is approved sell the site on. Any platitudes in their documentation would then undoubtedly not be upheld.

What happens then?