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Further to my recent submission regarding the design of the East Park Solar site, I wish to present a map as part of my objection. This map illustrates the land to the east of Little Staughton, where the majority of owners are existing land contributors to the East Park scheme. The area of focus is highlighted in red ink.

I believe this land is far more suitable from a planning perspective for the following reasons:

- Proximity to Grid Connection: It is closer to the existing grid connection.
- Reduction of Separate Sites: It minimizes the need for multiple interconnected sites.
- Decreased Transportation Movements: Siting East Park to the east of Little Staughton would reduce transport movements. There is good access to the site from the B645, just past Hail Weston (marked with an X in blue ink). This site was initially proposed for access, but the landowner, who is involved in the scheme, preferred not to be disturbed by transport activities.
- Improved Traffic Routing: Locating the scheme further east would eliminate the need for heavy vehicles to travel through Great Staughton via the B645. Instead, transport can access the site directly from the A1, requiring only a short distance on local roads.

I express concern that the landowners actively participating in this scheme have selectively chosen the land to include, ensuring that their interests are not disturbed.

Notably, one of the primary landowners does not reside in the area and has taken measures to ensure his game shooting grounds remain unaffected by the scheme. Additionally, a relative has objected to direct access past her farm, resulting in trucks needing to travel further down the B645, impacting Great Staughton and its listed buildings, particularly the church and Place House.


Having lived in Little Staughton for [REDACTED] years, and with my family home at [REDACTED] completely surrounded by the proposed scheme, I feel my family's situation has not been given the same consideration.

When the Inspectorate visits the area to review the various sites, I would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate that, if this scheme is deemed necessary, its proposed siting is highly inefficient. It appears to disregard the integration of existing local sites and fails to minimise the loss of valuable agricultural land.


You can find an overview of the changes we are making to our plans in the adjacent map.

What hasn't changed?


Despite the proposed changes and refinements, our overarching proposals for East Park Energy remain broadly unchanged. They include:




A solar farm capable of generating up to 400 MW of clean electricity – equivalent to more than enough power for every home in Bedford and St Neots



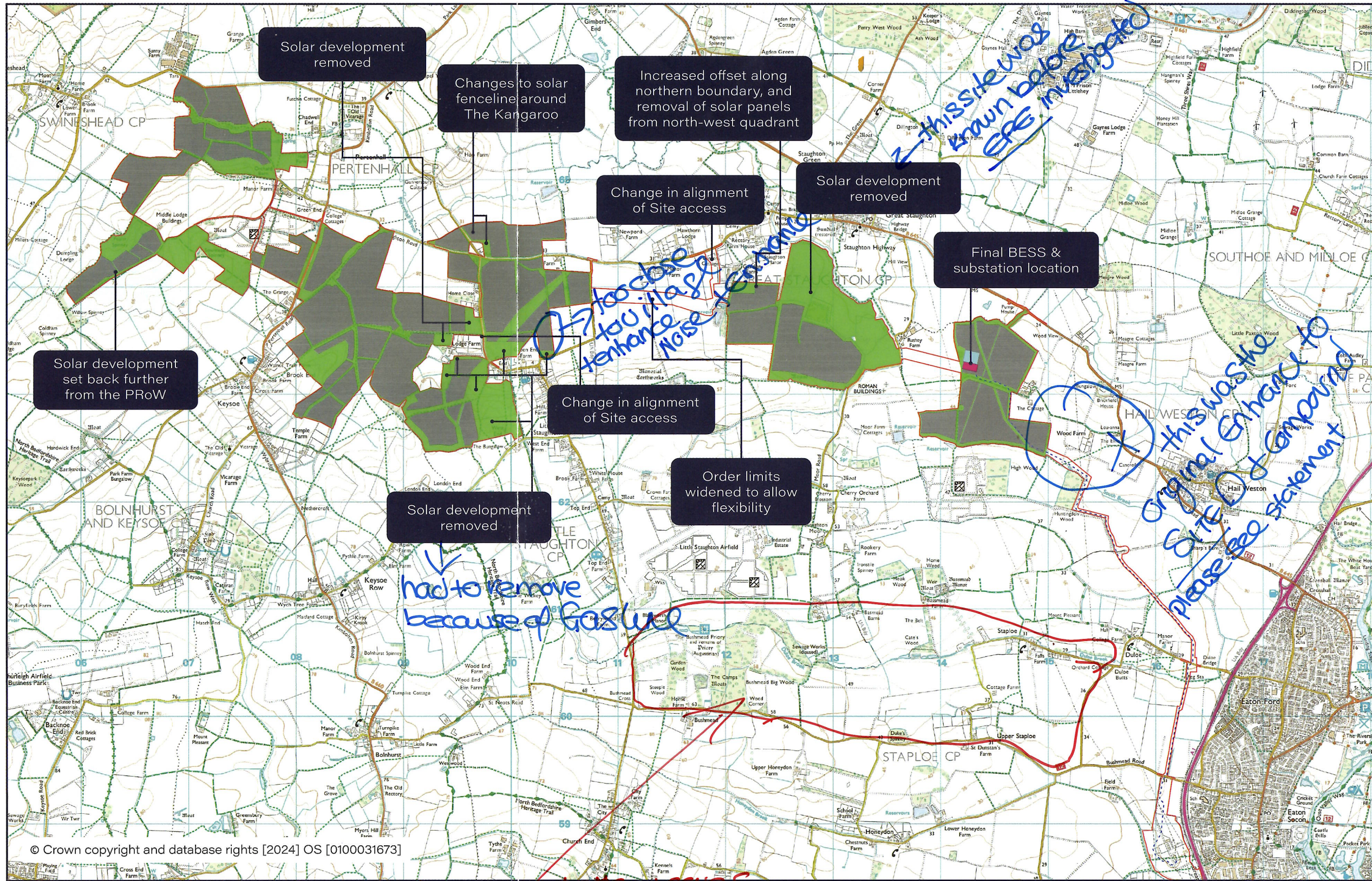
A battery energy storage facility capable of storing up to 100 MW of electricity until it's needed



A connection to the electricity network via underground cables at Eaton Socon substation



Works to enhance and maintain the natural environment.



Very little housing & no need to have traffic issues

Alternative site that would link to other solar sites

This Scheme is far too close to residents

