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RE: EAST PARK SOLAR ENERGY OBJECTIONS

Further to my previous correspondence regarding the above, I have become even more concerned about the proposals having read the details of the hearings reviewing the development.

Before [REDACTED], I operated 30+ 44 tonne trucks in the area but gave drivers clear instructions to avoid country roads wherever possible being aware of the damage and impact such monsters could inflict. The routes proposed to construct the sites would mean accessing small, narrow and already damaged country roads. Witness the current condition of the B645 from Eaton Ford to Higham Ferrers. The surface has been battered with significant potholing along the entire length attributed to trucks and farm machinery. From what I have read, there is no justification to negatively impact on not only our roads but farmland, wildlife and the general environment whilst devaluing local residential property. Who wants acres of solar panels surrounding them, spoiling views and being very present in existing natural countryside? Any energy needs cannot trump the potential damaging negative impact on rural life; there are more feasible and less harmful alternatives in my considered view.

This massive, proposed project is dependent upon sunny days and these are in the minority throughout the year and night hours obviously not generating any benefits whatsoever.

The project proposers appear to have an air of complacency regarding local feelings, environmental impact and sufficient detailed justification. All challenges must be vigorously actioned to stop this blight on our landscape.

Yours sincerely

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