

**Thorpe on the Hill Parish Council - Interested Party Ref: F29CEB388
Fosse Green Energy (FGE) – Deadline 6**

1. Public Rights of Way

Thorpe on the Hill (TOTH) Parish Council (PC) notes the responses provided by the applicant in REP5A-038 to points made by the PC at deadlines 5 & 5A.

Several proposed changes to footpaths in and around the Stepping Out routes, whilst not necessarily ideal, present largely acceptable work-arounds. However, key sections of the Stepping Out route remain inadequately addressed.

At Deadline 5A TOTH PC's submission REP5A-047 identified that there remain parts of the Stepping Out route that pass-through corridors of solar arrays, i.e., where the fields either side of the path are filled with solar panels or where the proximity of solar panel significantly affects the key views in an adverse manner. In addition is likely that the proximity of panels and equipment close to, and on either side of the paths, will lead to elevated noise levels as referred to in other submissions.

In particular, the footpaths designated as LLTOTH/13/2 and LLTOTH 12/3 on the Applicant's map REP5-008 remain blighted in this manner, and the affected areas identified by the PC in its submission REP5A-047 appear to have been ignored, at least at this stage.

The PC continues to request an improved design at these locations to eliminate, or minimise the described impacts. The PC does not consider that screening will be sufficient or appropriate, and continues to believe that efforts to address the current shortcomings would not materially impact the overall effectiveness of the project, but would dramatically improve the response of local residents and visitors to the area.


Chair TOTH PC

02/06/26