

ROSEFIELD HEARING

ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING 1 : ACTION POINT 34

From the Claridge Family.

We did listen in to the hearing as we were unable to attend meeting but unfortunately, we did not appear to be able to speak "Online"

In the Meeting the Planning Inspector asked us to comment and give our reasoning on Parcels of land B18 and B19 which we have a problem with using two half fields rather than one whole field.

The Planning Inspector asked the Applicant to explain the rationale of why these parcels had been chosen and we were interested to learn that it was to Offset from the residential property and farm known as Knowlhill Farm **AND MINIMISE VISUAL EFFECTS!**

We have constantly mentioned the issue to both The Claydon Estate and the Applicant, Rosefield suggesting and asking that B18 should not be used for Solar Panels but to use SA1 instead (not earmarked for Solar Panels) which is below B19 and in the same field. This would in effect keep all the solar panels in one field and be away from our **VISUAL EFFECT AND SIGHT** of residential property and farm buildings.

The first reason for this is so B18 solar panels **COULD NOT BEEN SEEN FROM THE FARM** which would avoid any noise when construction is taking place plus glint and glare going forward plus hinderance to access to The Well etc.

The second reason would be for management purposes keeping "Home Ground Field) which is B18 and SA2 entire helping with drainage and field works.

Importantly, this field also has a track along side it which was visited on the site inspection and walked up.

This leads on to answering the question 34 regarding access to The Well & Spring and agreements going forward. The Well itself is situated at the top of track B18 and it would make it easier for all concerned to be able to get to the Well without obstructions. The "Spring" that feeds the Well and frequently must be tended to, can be easily accessible which is on the large field on the hill known as Knowlhill Field (B17) which lays topside of B19.

The Well, Spring and track are an integral part of the Management of Knowlhill Farm, and we would ask you to look favourable and sensibly on our request to amend the parcels of land originally put in for Solar panel use.

The field "20 Acre" (B19 AND SA1) would then entirely be Solar Panels and could even be accessed from the adjoining field having Solar rather than disruption through the farmyard which in turn brings bio security issues.

We know one of the objections would be that the area for Solar would be decreasing but we do not consider it would and it would save money in the long run with less fencing and all that goes with making the Solar area safe!

To summarise we are asking the applicant to draw up agreements to allow Knowlhill Farm access to The Well and Spring plus amend the fields used for solar which in turn helps with the agreements and access issues.

CHOICE OF LAND

In the meeting it was asked why the fields for the Solar Farm had been chosen, to which the reply was given that the soil type was Grade 4.

To date, we have not allowed any intrusive surveys and no soil surveys taken to our knowledge and feel the choice of land was chosen because of where it is positioned on The Estate and where the Estate vision is for future use.

THE FAMILY HAS WON NUMEROUS AWARDS AND TROPHIES FOR CROPS GROWN ON KNOWLHILL FIELD AND WONDER WHY IT HAS BEEN FELT NECESSARY FOR THIS FIELD, WHICH IS THE BEST FIELD ON THE WHOLE FARM TO BE USED FOR BNG!!!!