

**One Earth Solar Farm (Application No. EN010159)**

**South Clifton Parish Council (SCPC) - Reg. No. F950A45AB**

**Deadline 4 submission – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Comments on any additional submissions received by D3 and accepted by the ExA**

Dear Sirs,

SCPC wishes to make further comment on 3 issues.

1. The importance of a secure grid connection before any preparatory work begins
2. The inclusion of Moor Lane, South Clifton as a barred route.
3. Comment in support of submissions by Stephen Fox regarding the adequacy of the consultation and the subsequent concerns regarding apparent 'lost' material.

**1 - The importance of a secure grid connection before preparatory work begins.**

SCPC and its' residents are very concerned that no preparatory construction work is undertaken until the grid connection to High Marnham is secured. The ExA are aware that this connection has not yet been applied for because the required upgrade to High Marnham has not yet been given planning permission. We ask that all works, including tree /hedge clearing, do not start until this vital link is ratified.

**2 – The inclusion of Moor Lane, South Clifton as a barred route.**

Moor Lane, South Clifton is a popular route between the A1133, Thorney, Wigsley, Harby and onward to Lincoln. It is a very poorly maintained road where 2 cars can pass in opposite directions with extreme care. It is also used by lorries from local businesses and also farm traffic, tractors etc. In this case, any oncoming traffic needs to pull over to allow the larger vehicles to pass, as the width of the road does not allow safe passage.

There is a blind bend on this road, near Cosy Cottage, which causes problems for motorists, cyclists and horse riders. Any vehicle rounding this bend, especially at speed, can force other traffic into the ditch, which has happened.

The applicant has proposed 2 site entrances on Moor Lane near the A1133 and also one off the A57 at Thorney. SCPC is concerned that the use of Moor Lane between the A1133 and A57 Thorney by construction traffic would present a great danger to other users of the road and suggest that this road is classified as a barred route, ensuring that all construction traffic utilises the roads within the site.

At South Cliftons first meeting with the applicants' team, we were assured that there would be only one entrance to the site on the East of the river, which is the first one on the A1133 as you turn off the A57. We were told all other movement would be within the site boundaries. We, even at this early stage, highlighted the danger areas on the A1133 and the unsuitability of Moor Lane, South Clifton. The applicant has failed to consider this issue adequately.

### 3 – Comment on the submission by Stephen Fox (I.P. FA3AE8AE5).

SCPC has reviewed the papers submitted by Stephen Fox, including 'Chronology Establishing Bad Faith' and 'Legal Opinion on Systemic Breaches of Statutory Consultation Duties'.

We confirm that the chronology accurately reflects our own experience of the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 meeting and the lack of engagement beforehand and subsequently. In fact, SCPC had to submit its' feedback to the statutory consultation three times before it was acknowledged as received. We endorse the concerns raised regarding the omission of key consultation materials, which in our view, have materially prejudiced the communitys' ability to participate effectively. At no time, in any document, has the communitys' strength of feeling against this application been addressed.

In light of this, SCPC formally request that the Examining Authority:

1. **Direct** the applicant to submit all missing materials, including the script of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024, Dr Fletchers mental health survey and the Equestrian Survey.
2. **Clarify** whether those documents were considered in the Adequacy-of-Consultation assessments.
3. **Confirm** that these omissions do not compromise the fairness of the Examination.

Yours faithfully

Gill Cobham (Chair – South Clifton Parish Council)