

I am writing to object as I am concerned that this project will irrevocably change the biodiversity of the fields it will replace . The proposal is vast. It would cover approximately 1,765 hectares of land to the northwest of Newark, Nottinghamshire. Of this, approximately 1,025 hectares would be used for solar area development. Villages including Averham, Kelham, South & North Muskham, Carlton on Trent, Kersall, Maplebeck and Knapthorpe, to name but a few, which the proposed site surrounds would be heavily affected. When viewed in isolation this would already be an unprecedented scheme; when considered alongside other nationally significant infrastructure projects in the locality, such as One Earth and Steeples, the cumulative impact on Newark is intolerable.

I fear for the wildlife of which we have an abundance. The land in question is among the most productive agricultural land in the country. Such food production will have to be replaced with imported goods which will not only increase food miles and cost but also have an impact on our countries food independence . The proposed industrial scale of the solar fields situated around our village and those of the villages in the area will negatively impact our lives forever . I am also fearful of the increased traffic this development will bring.