

Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park
Project EN010162

Suggestions of Site Inspection Locations from JPAG
Interested Party Reference [REDACTED]

The following locations have been suggested by JPAG member Parish Councils/Parish Meetings for site inspections.

We are aware that Carlton on Trent Parish Council have submitted some suggestions for locations direct. For the avoidance of any doubt JPAG endorses their request which is also included in this submission.

Ossington Site Inspections

Ossington Airfield Marker (W3W treaty.switched.glare) adjacent to Ossington/Kneesall road

Ossington airfield perimeter (W3W conclude.otherwise.pounds) accessed along the old runway approximately one third of a mile from airfield marker. Most of the old airfield runways are accessed by the public by default (no restrictions given by the owners, Ossington Estate)

Not sure how much detail is required for these choices, but for both it is the physical, visual and cumulative impacts on landscape, farmland, wildlife, amenity, community, and mental health etc. Ossington airfield is both farmed for food and used as a community resource in an area that has no other easily accessible open space for exercise, pastimes and relaxation. Wildlife is abundant - raptors, ground nesting birds, deer, hares etc all easily observed depending on the season. Amongst other species, the wood adjacent to the airfield is home to the nationally rare and significant Barbastelle bat, which forages over the airfield area providing its particular needs to survive. Any change to this area could jeopardize the colony's existence. (Whilst we met yesterday afternoon, 13th November, we saw sparrowhawk and kestrel hunting, plus three different groups of people on a relatively small part of the airfield).

The former Ossington airfield is also important culturally because of its significance to the history of the village. The enormous views across to Lincoln cathedral and the much more recent bomber memorial at Norton Disney highlight these links. The wonderful sense of place will be entirely lost if this area is covered by solar panels and security fencing.

Moorhouse Site Inspections

Location: What3Words ///bends.stuffy.monopoly

Access: This is on a public footpath and you can drive to the point suggested.

Reason: A vista of affected fields, the quality of their agricultural nature, their effect on local footpaths and the rolling nature of the countryside that makes tree shielding ineffective. See below, which I think I've previously sent you to you.

Crops in fields N1, N2, N3 and N4 identified in Landscape Masterplan [18]

EN010162/APP/2.11ES Reference - EN010162/APP/[6.3.5.2](#), Revision number 1, June 2025

Field N4 with N5 in distance



Field N4



Field N3 with N1 and N2 in the distance.



Maplebeck Site Inspections

Dukes Wood :- What3Words: thunder.regaining.loops

Start Position of Footpath that runs Maplebeck to Eakring and is off the Hollows(road of interest) What3Words: origin.envoy.politics

Two areas:-

1. Caunton to Eakring road 1.5 Km from Maplebeck. Panels on left hand side for 1Km from Dukes Wood until 5 Km from Maplebeck entry road.

2. Public footpath through Maplebeck crosses the road and goes past Breck's Farm all the way to Eakring. Panels are proposed for 1km on the left of the footpath and are visible again on right as you approached Eakring.

The road (The Hollows) out of Maplebeck leading to the Caunton Eakring road (2nd Entry/Exit) is also proposed for the delivery of all Panels and infrastructure. This should be looked at for suitability/viability to take numerous delivery by large lorries.

I could also mention the next drive from Maplebeck through Kersall to A616 with more panel and also on the other direction to A617 where they will be visible adjacent to North Lodge farm.

The two areas are chosen for the most impact of the numerous intended sites within 2km surrounding Maplebeck. One will be unable to drive the roads or walk the footpaths in any direction from the village without the visual impact of the solar panels.

Carlton on Trent Site Inspections

Carlton on Trent PC would like the Inspectorate to consider the following locations for ExA visits when examining this application:

1. W3W shuttled.sides.resonates

A point on the PRoW, well used daily by dog walking (even driving to access it) to consider the impact of the surrounding panels

- Visually
- On mental health
- On increased run off due to orientation and density of the panels
- Noting the size, width of drainage and ditches in place – inadequate at present
- Noting that all fields are currently and historically being used for cereal production

2. W3W flows.viewer.spider

Further along the same PRoW noting the site of Forshaws Shire Horse Stud Farm to the East; an important heritage site which was a prominent Shire horse breeding establishment from the time of Waterloo until the end of World War II. A large bespoke stable block still

remains, which together with its own sidings at the railway enabled the business to operate internationally.

On exiting the field back to the road, note that the run off water from the field runs through the gate and into the road where it cannot then enter a dike thus causing flooding at...

3. W3W stress.pays.cools

Point on the Highway – B1164 Ossington Road. Note the watercourse and dike have limited capacity, the run off water mentioned above and overflowing dikes flood the road at this point due to road being lower than the verges. Even after the water in the dike subsides this patch remains flooded. Note at W3W harmonica.once.statue the dike feeds into an underground pipe crossing field DB043 to W3W speakers.gambles.badly where it emerges into another dike. This field regularly has stream of water above ground so the underground system is not functioning under present conditions let alone after increased run off from the density and direction of solar panels added to this area.

4. ExA are invited to speak to residents at **The Shires, Castle Hill, NG23 6NX** to consider:

- flooding in their gardens and subsequent floods in Sutton on Trent.
- the view from their windows for visual impact.
- Loss of light resulting from increased hedge height and loss of ability to maintain the hedge due to increased height
- Impact on mental health

This property evidences the issues indicative of the struggles many households will have to overcome.

5. W3W fearfully.chuck.parent

A point on the drive to the Stud Farm which is another pinch point in the drainage system which frequently floods blocking the drive.

6. ExA are invited to visit **Stud Farm House, Castle Hill, NG23 6NX** for information from residents re flooding between here and W3W horses.easels.grief where water should go under the railway but often backs up.
7. We are pleased to note that the ExA have travelled along the local roads and PRoW past Willoughby Deserted Medieval Village. It is hoped they noted the classic patchwork English countryside, not shrouded and blocked by high hedges. The ExA is asked to visit **A617 Kirklington Road between Lockwell Hill roundabout and Farnsfield Road Bilsthorpe** – a road which had similar open views but is now a corridor between expanses of panels – the visual impact of which creates a stark comparison.