Planning Inspectorate: Application by Elements Green Trent Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park Project

Interested Party Reference number:

Summary of Written Representations: Deadline December 10th 2025

Identification of Parts Agreed With

None.

13. Overall Conclusions to Written Representation

- 13.1 The Great North Road Solar Farm project:
- 13.2 has very significant community opposition
- 13.3 contradicts the Nottinghamshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy, taking forward the Environment Act 2021.
- 13.4 indeed entirely ignores this Strategy, including in the sponsor's "Environmental Impact Assessment"
- 13.5 contravenes the Newark and Sherwood Amended Core Strategy
- 13.6 is contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework
- 13.7 similarly contradicts the work of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and the Nottinghamshire County Council Biodiversity Action Group
- 13.8 will be contrary to the UK Government investment to dim the sun
- 13.9 contravenes planning matters as set out on the Newark and Sherwood Planning Portal
- 13.10 is not supported by the Mayor of the East Midlands
- 13.11 contradicts the Newark and Sherwood Framework for Solar Energy of July 2025
- 13.12 has potential significant negative impacts including environmental, socioeconomic, noise and health, public safety and security, legal and regulatory
- 13.13 appears to need taxpayer subsidies according to the Telegraph article of July 5th 2025.

In total the Great North Road Solar Park contravenes all relevant planning and partner policies, will have substantial negative impacts and will be a drain on public finance.

The decision to refuse planning permission for the project was correct and needs to be upheld.