

## Great North Road Solar Farm EN010162

### Deadline 1 Written Representation

Unique Number [REDACTED]

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#### Introduction

I submitted a relevant representation at registration. In that document, I addressed arguments covering the design of field W7 as depicted in the Landscape Masterplan [APP-030](#). I also commented on field W6 in respect of the harm it would cause the setting of a Grade 2 listed building. Other subjects addressed were the loss of BMV land, dangers associated with the BESS and the accuracy or otherwise of the emissions and generation calculations by the Applicant. My position on these matters has not changed.

#### Scheme benefits.

Guidance on composing these representations state I should indicate which part of the design I support. In brief, none. Whilst I am supportive of the generation of renewable energy, as a retired farmer who worked these fields for 25 years, I firmly believe that this land should continue to produce food.

#### Field W7

Whilst not repeating my earlier arguments and being aware that the Examining Authority paid a site visit to that area on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025, I attach below a photograph of winter wheat in field W7 in crop. It looked very different in November 2025.



## **Glint and Glare**

I note the conclusions on this matter on page 26 of Technical Appendix A16. 1 Glint and Glare [APP-286](#). I am not qualified to challenge the conclusions. I do however have concerns about potential impacts on the north facing elevation of my house from the nearby south facing panels planned for field W5.

I would request that the ExA consider a DCO requirement that should photographic or corroborated witness evidence of a glint and glare impact on our house be forthcoming post construction, then the Applicant (or new operator) at their expense should amend the panel angles to eliminate the impact, or if that is not possible, remove the offending panels. Clearly, this should not be contentious for the Applicant who believe no such impact is possible.

## **CCTV**

I would fully expect the Applicant to be mindful of the statutory restrictions on CCTV filming and recording onto private land without consent. I mention this as the north east corner of field W6, 10 metres across the road from my private driveway, would seem to be a likely candidate location for a camera. I would seek reassurance that the positioning of any camera in that area would not impact our privacy.

## **Underground Spring.**

As part of the Statutory Consultation process, I submitted the following:

*“EG will now be aware of the natural spring originating on the border of fields 96 and 98. This feeds spring water to my property. I would be heavily opposed to any development which compromised this utility feed. I note that it is not mentioned in the PEIR documents so far submitted”.*

The piped spring is now believed to originate in field W7 (as renamed). Whereas it may be possible to carefully excavate the holes for the deer fence poles without damaging that pipe, it may be impossible to pile drive the panel supports without risking damage to that pipe, unless some prior investigation has been completed. I am not aware of any published investigation results.

Though this pipe historically discharged into drinking troughs for farm animals, it now discharges into the pond in front of our house. This pond was assessed by the Applicant’s appointed consultants with the results summarised in the Technical Appendix A8.7 – Great Crested Newt Baseline [APP-220](#). It is identified in that report as Pond 116. Though negative for GCN DNA at the time of testing, the HSI survey (undertaken to determine the suitability of this pond to support great crested newts) rated it as ‘Excellent’. Fracturing this pipe has the potential to remove this pond as a possible GCN excellent habitat.

## **Cumulative Sequential Impact Assessment.**

I am concerned about the above impact. I have 5 main journey routes.

To drive to Ollerton or Newark, I will have to drive on the road with panels either side. On the Newark route, there would be further panels visible as I drive on the A616.

Visiting Tuxford, I would experience panels at the side of the road for a distance of 1.4 km. I would also have visible panels when visiting Norwell.

When travelling to Mansfield, my normal route would be through Kersall and Eakring. Suffice to say I would again experience panelled fields on both sides of the road, near Kersall and Eakring. Basically, my family and I will not be able to go anywhere from our house without driving past panels.

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