

These comments are to accompany the uploaded photographs further supporting my previous personal relevant representation.

The first photograph shows Field DB041, tenanted by my family, which will be largely lost to solar panels and a substation if the project is approved in its current form. The photograph shows the growing crop of wheat on this BMV land this year. It also shows the ancient woodland immediately adjacent to the field boundary. The substation is planned for that end of the field. A fire at the substation could prove catastrophic for the woodland and its ecology - the nearest part-time fire station is 5 miles away at Tuxford, too far to save the trees if they caught fire never mind machinery and infrastructure in the field.

The next photograph shows the landscape beyond DB041 looking towards the narrow lane leading to Sutton on Trent. The fields immediately next to DB041 will be completely covered in solar panels, radically altering this beautiful view and the countryside for 40 years.

The next two photographs show the reality of placing solar panels on agricultural land. Ostensibly pleasant grassland between the rows of panels for sheep to graze at Egmanton solar development during their June 2024 Open Day organised by Elements Green. A closer inspection shows a virtual mono-crop of a weak ryegrass type, allowed to grow too long for sheep to be interested in grazing (sheep prefer a close sward i.e. short blades of grass). Definitely not much biodiversity and certainly no gain. It is far more likely to be a net loss. Good daily livestock husbandry is virtually impossible in a field of panels as stock cannot be observed properly, if at all, when placed among the panels. Ill or dead sheep are therefore a distinct possibility - not a good look for the public or Elements Green. The closer photograph shows the reality of what happens under the panels - poor grass cover as a result of lack of sun, trampling by livestock, and soil in a poor state as a result of both.

The final photograph shows the former Ossington airfield site, and tries to give an idea of the vast skies and panorama that will be lost if the scheme goes ahead. This uplifting area is such an important area for local people, their pets, and their physical and mental health, as well as the wildlife thriving alongside farming.

In conclusion, there is no discernible benefit for local residents whatsoever. This sleepy corner of Nottinghamshire will have to suffer the noise, disruption, mud, road damage, wildlife and amenity loss with little hope of redress or recompense. The democratic process is emasculated by the NSIP procedure - residents will suffer the consequences for decades to come. Ossington and its neighbours will have to bear the brunt of the unseemly dash for net zero while the rest of the world moves on - a very unjust situation.









