

The quality of the land in and around Sturton le Steeple by the applicant's own "testing" indicates that 88.3% of the development would be on agricultural land of grade 3a OR ABOVE (found on page 21, of Chapter 15: Land Use and Agriculture Environmental Statement – Volume 1).

This should be maintained under DEFRA guidance for arable use. Period.

The applicants "testing" data is dubious at best. How many soil samples were taken across the 1700 acres to be developed on? Or did they simply rely on historic soil data comprised in the 1970's and 80s?

As soil quality can vary across just a few acres of the same field, then a comprehensive survey showing the true soil quality should have included approximately 850 samples (based on one sample per two acres). Why was this not undertaken?