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**Attn: The Examining Authority
The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Consenting
Project Reference: EN010170 (Green Hill Solar Farm)
RE: Formal Objection to the Green Hill Solar Farm Proposal**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong formal objection to the **Green Hill Solar Farm** proposal (Project Reference: EN010170). While I fully support the UK transition to renewable energy sources, I believe that the staggering scale, poorly chosen location, and industrial nature of this particular scheme make it entirely unsustainable and deeply damaging to Northamptonshire. At nearly **3,000 acres** (approximately 1,200 hectares), this development is **the size of Heathrow Airport**, fragmented across multiple rural sites spanning over 16 miles. Such an immense industrial footprint does not belong in the heart of our rural communities and conservation areas.

I urge you to reject this Application based on the following critical points:

- **Loss of Prime Agricultural Land:** The project will consume thousands of acres of food-producing farmland. At a time of heightened global economic and food security uncertainty, taking high-quality agricultural land out of production for a "temporary" 60-year lease is reckless. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]
- **Devastating Impact on Rural Character and Heritage:** The proposal surrounds and cuts through historic Northamptonshire villages, including **Mears Ashby, Earls Barton, Grendon, Easton Maudit, Bozeat, and Walgrave**. Many of these areas feature a high concentration of listed buildings and sensitive conservation areas. Surrounding them with solar panels up to 4.5 metres high will permanently industrialise and ruin the unique rural landscape and heritage.
- **Safety Risks of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS):** The inclusion of a massive Battery Energy Storage System poses serious safety hazards, including the risk of thermal runaway, difficult-to-control chemical fires, and the subsequent release of toxic pollutants into the local environment and water systems.
- **Inappropriate Local Infrastructure & Traffic Chaos:** The local road network consists heavily of narrow, rural lanes entirely unsuitable for heavy engineering equipment and massive construction traffic. The multi-year construction phase will bring severe traffic delays, air pollution, and noise disturbance, disrupting local businesses, agricultural operations, and school routes.

- **Eco-System and Biodiversity Degradation:** The sheer physical coverage of solar arrays, perimeter fencing, and accompanying security infrastructure will fragment protected wildlife habitats, disrupt established ecological corridors, and negatively impact local biodiversity.

Green energy should be prioritized where it belongs on brownfield sites and the vast, unused rooftops of the UK's industrial and commercial warehouses, not blanketing the valuable countryside of Northamptonshire. This scheme prioritizes investor profit over the well-being of local communities, offering no tangible local benefits.

I strongly request that the Examining Authority takes the overwhelming opposition of the local community, campaign groups and our local Members of Parliament into account and recommends that Development Consent be refused.

Thank you for considering my representations.

Yours faithfully,

Dr F J Burdett

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