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Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 13:37
To: Light Valley Solar
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Further Submission Regarding Light Valley Solar Project

To the Planning Inspectorate,

Skipwith Parish Council attended both sessions of the Light Valley Solar public hearing at The Parsonage, Escrick on 29th July 2026, following which the council makes the following submission to the Planning Inspectorate. We confirm that the representations by South Milford Parish Council were also made on our behalf and we are in full agreement with them. We also support and adopt the submission made to the hearing by Riccall Parish Council.

We heard what [REDACTED] for the applicant had to say in response at the end of each session about having '*considered*', '*assessed*' and '*taken into account*' all the points raised by those who spoke in the hearings. We do not find those statements on behalf of the applicant convincing at all and rely on the Planning Inspectorate to dig deep in examining whether or not the reassurances are justified and properly meet the objections raised. We ask the Planning Inspectors to give critical and sceptical examination to these reassurances it has been given by LVS and satisfy themselves that the proposed development is a realistic one, where necessary mitigations and many legitimate concerns of the local communities have been properly addressed by the applicant. From what we heard we do not think they have, most probably because fully addressing them would jeopardise their cause. The individual landowners who spoke at the hearings had clearly, we believe, not been meaningfully consulted about the severe impact this development as presently scoped would have on them.

We also wish to make a submission in relation to the density of energy infrastructure projects in this area south of York. An examination of the applicant's drawing titled 'Other Nearby Committed Developments relevant to the Proposed Development' (Rev P01 of drawing LVS-302939-696) would suggest that even without LVS's scheme the area is already saturated with energy infrastructure projects. Were this scheme to be permitted, we say the density of energy infrastructure projects in this relatively small part of North Yorkshire would be more than excessive.

Sincerely,

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Skipwith Parish Clerk