

**Re: Interested party status**

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Droves Solar Farm <thedrovessolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks and would respectfully invite the EA to exercise its discretion to accept the following submission.

'Castle Acre is a village of significant historical and cultural importance. There has been in recent years a great deal of development both around Swaffham and Castle Acre with the building of a significant number of infrastructure and homes. This has had an impact on the setting of Castle Acre and there is likely to be further such development. The addition of the proposed solar farm will have a very significant, if not catastrophic, impact on the setting and will turn the area between Swaffham and Castle Acre into something equivalent to an industrial park. The huge amount of construction traffic, noise and light pollution that will no doubt continue beyond the completion of the works will be an ongoing problem for Castle Acre and its residents. It will also plainly adversely impact an area of Dark Skies with site light pollution at night.

The proposed development impacts a nationally significant path, the Peddars Way and will lead to a very large amount of prime agricultural land being taken out of production for the foreseeable future at a time when food production is of critical importance.

This area already makes a significant contribution to reducing its carbon footprint as there are a number of wind turbines nearby and a widespread adoption of solar panels and heat pumps by many residents in the surrounding area as a result of initiatives funded by the government. It would surely be a better use of resources to continue to promote and assist the adoption of solar panels by residents rather than imposing a gargantuan development entirely inappropriate to the area and opposed by residents.

In short this proposal is simply disproportionate to the area and setting. It is opposed by local parish councils and residents. There is no local support. Granting permission for such an unsuitable development would make a nonsense of local democracy and lead to the loss of an area of outstanding natural and historical importance. '

Francis Fitzpatrick [REDACTED]

> On 16 Jun 2026, at 10:13, Drovers Solar Farm wrote:

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> Dear [REDACTED] Fitzpatrick,

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> The deadline for registering as an IP closed on 27 February. In this case the Examining Authority is unable to accept the request to become an interested party under S102A of the Planning Act 2008.

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> However, if you would like to send in your comments the Examining Authority can exercise its discretion whether or not to accept the submission.

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> Kind regards,

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> [REDACTED]

> Case Officer

> Planning Inspectorate

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> From: Francis Fitzpatrick

> Sent: 15 June 2026 15:22

> To: Droves Solar Farm

> Subject: Re : Interested party status

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> Dear Sir,

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> I would like to apply to become an interested party in this matter.

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> I live in [REDACTED] and would like the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

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> Krs

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> Francis Fitzpatrick

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