




6th August 2024

Dear Sir,

Re Solar Farm application EN 010122

In response to Rule 8 letter and deadline 1 and audit trail I write to thank you for allowing me to voice my local issues at the Preliminary Meeting held at Branston Golf Course on 10/7/24

I act as a significant interested person due to proximity of our home being situated within my Fathers farm who is an adjacent neighbour to Oaklands Solar Farm. I was also representing an elderly neighbour 

In reference to your request to formally document the points raised I wish you to continue to review the following items as part of your continued inspection.

1. Frequent flooding in local lanes can be so severe our property can be land locked on worst days because flood waters rise quickly in all lanes surrounding Oaklands site and Rosliston Forestry Centre and Walton to Drakelow Road . It can rise very quickly at Corner Farm when the river trent levels are on high alert . Effect on drainage to already saturated ground when large area is covered with solar panels
2. The close proximity of water courses brook/ pond with newts at Corner Farm which is adjacent to hedges that boarder field where HGV tracking road and underground cabling is proposed.
3. Concern re pollution entering local water sources at Corner Farm and fresh water spring on my Fathers land.
4. I asked if soil sampling will be undertaken before during and at decommission stage to ensure land is returned to its present best versatile state. What damage will be caused to the land ? will solar panels need replacing within the 40 year plan ?
5. Gas and utilities run under lane where underground cabling HGV and tracking is proposed
6. Glint and glare from solar panels sited on hills risk of accidents in the lanes
7. Energy versus food diversity needs to be carefully balanced
8. The scale of this project is on industrial scale urbanisation of rural area of natural beauty will be changed forever affecting present wildlife and birds bats and barn owls monk jack deer badgers and foxes live within the proposed site boundaries.

9. Fire concerns and access for emergency vehicles in lanes with dangerous bends in places Rosliston Road from Corner Farm to Fairfields as gas leakage at times.

I eagerly await to read Environmental Impact assessments and highways report as local villages of Rosliston Walton Coton Drakelow and Stapenhill Branston Grangewood will have significant distribution during construction phases and lanes around villages are not conducive to heavy plant vehicles.

I also request the decommissioning process in 40 years is legally processed and completed with the same emphasis at the end of this project clearly identified. As significant neighbours I ask who we continue to report to with any ongoing issues over a 40 year plan.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tracy Hiatt

