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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the meeting at Branston regarding the proposal for Oaklands solar farm.

I wanted to express my extreme concern at this proposal going ahead in this location which poses a serious danger to residents living within the area and using local roads and amenities. The roads within the area severely lack the infrastructure to accommodate large vehicles required to build the solar farm. I regularly use the roads for recreation including running, riding and cycling, as well as commuting. I have had numerous near misses with cars travelling on the roads due to the narrowness of the lanes. In many places including Coton road (both on the stretch towards Walton and towards Lullington), coal pit lane, lullington road and Botany Bay, the road in places is very narrow, with vehicles meeting one another struggling to pass each other, and in places they are unable to pass each other completely without hitting each other. The speed limit on these roads is 60 mph which is already too high considering the narrowness of the lanes and the lack of visibility for detecting oncoming traffic. This makes it incredibly dangerous for vulnerable road users such as cyclists, runners, walkers and equestrians. I have already been involved in a serious incident while out hacking with my horse travelling from Walton-on-Trent along Coton Road, where a car narrowly missed hitting myself and my horse and ended up planted in the hedge next to us. The incident was reported to the police. I myself have also seen near misses between cars and cyclists using the road due to the narrowness and lack of visibility on the roads in this area. This is also a very busy area for agriculture, with lots of busy farms and therefore large tractors using lanes. There are already very few passing places for cars meeting tractors and even fewer places for a lorry to pass a tractor without having to reverse back for several meters, usually around a blind corner. Taking all of this into consideration, this will severely and dangerously raise the risk of accidents occurring between vehicles but also between pedestrians and equestrians and will likely result in serious injuries or even the death of someone.

I am also a mother [REDACTED]. We live [REDACTED] in cotton-in-the-elms and regularly access the park opposite to take our child and also the public footpaths for walking our dogs, as many residents do. Many of the houses on church street do not have driveways for parking so use the road to park their vehicles. This substantially limits visibility to oncoming vehicles and poses a risk to pedestrians and especially children going into the park. The village is inhabited by many families with young children, many of which are able to play outside with their friends as it is such a safe, family oriented community. The solar farm will increase the amount of traffic travelling down church street and through the village will pose a serious risk, especially large Lorry's travelling through a small, quiet, residential area and mainly along a road containing a busy children's park and where many parents park to take their children to the school.

I strongly urge you to consider the substantial danger and risk this proposal will have to the residents of the area who use the fields, roads, footpaths and villages for recreation, as well as the huge impact this will have to the wellbeing of the people living in this community.

Regards

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