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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you ahead of the 31st October deadline to submit further concerns about the proposed Oaklands Farm Solar Park.

I was unable to attend the hearing in person [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but I watched on live stream. I wanted to provide supportive information in regarding the query raised on the equestrian usage of Coton roads and surrounding areas.

[REDACTED]. However, this was a recent move and prior to this my horses were stabled in Rosliston village. I frequently use the roads around Rosliston and surrounding villages for hacking, and I know of other riders/friends who use it most days.

There is a large equestrian community in the area, including multiple livery yards and private equestrian properties with multiple horses stabled or living on grazing. I cannot provide accurate quantitative data, only that there must be at least 50+ horses just in Rosliston. I do not hack every day but many riders do, it's not unusual to find fresh horse droppings on the roads round here each day!

There is a popular hacking route down Catton lane, which is on the boundary of the proposed area for development. This would no longer be accessible for horse riders due to the risks involved with traffic, machinery etc.

There is also a bridle way opposite Oakland's Farm which would be impacted in terms of being able to access it, particularly if riders had to navigate traffic and HGVs to get there.

On the subject of traffic, I have serious concerns for the amount of HGVs and the increased traffic that would pass through as a result of the developments- this would make much of the area unsafe and unusable for us equestrians. This would be adding too much risk to routes that are already hair raising at times. I myself have experienced many potential near misses and now will only hack on roads with a camera recording for video evidence. I also have one horse in particular who would be uneasy with more HGVs passing and overtaking on narrow country roads. The same counts for many of my friends.

I am sad to say that I believe that, should the proposed plans go ahead, it would quickly destroy the longstanding equestrian community in the area. I urge those that are in a position of authority over these plans to listen attentively to those of us who have lived here for many years and know the area well, whether we are from the equestrian community, cyclists or enjoy the area by other means. It will be an absolutely devastating loss.

I am happy to be contacted for any further information.

Many thanks,
Alex Penfold.

