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Dear Sirs

Having attended the above hearing on 22 October 2024 on behalf of my parents who live at Coton on the Elms.

I would like to highlight the following.

The area is becoming the largest distribution area in the Country with its central base, near to East Midlands large cargo airport and distribution network and yet the plan is to build Oaklands solar in an area with insufficient road network, that includes the following: Narrow lanes, hamlets and small villages such as Coton in the Elms, Rosliston, Overseal, Walton on Trent with narrow pavements, livery yards, cyclists that pass daily through Coton and including, Rosliston Forestry and Conkers, this is an area famous for woodland, countryside and not just Rosliston and Conkers but also Tunnel Woodlands, Gresley Woodlands and many more. The rural lifestyle and tourism this attracts incorporating the National Forest, the solar farm on the doorstep completely contradicts this landscape.

How can Derbyshire County Council mitigate the introduction of a large number of HGVs and industrial scale solar panels and large scale battery storage which completely contradicts what this part of the area is about?

My fathers legacy with permission from local farmers within a 5 to 10 mile radius was to plant no less than 3000 trees [REDACTED] years ago which have matured and are part of farmland boundary, a fantastic investment in climate of which will be ripped out as part of the scheme.

He [REDACTED] has this foresight only to be destroyed and not only this but his home to be further disturbed [REDACTED] with large vehicle traffic, DCC cannot mitigate or answer how this will not effect or severely disrupt the bespoke area (and repeat the National Forest area,) as well as reduce the habitat and trees locally, a massive contradiction in terms.

It is noted that Staffordshire County Council are trying to stop the large scale vehicles as understand the impact locally as well as the lack of bridges that can take the weight. So how can the project even begin?

Why has the forestry commission not been concerned of a completely opposite scenario impact to a forest, countryside and amount of local walkers, cyclists, horses, families, campers, communities? I repeat a visit to Rosliston Forestry Centre would help support the correct impression for the area and impact this would cause. Answers are needed and none forthcoming.

The roads currently have numerous flooding, Coton Lane had 30 (no less) potholes and the corrosion of the road surface. This is impacted further with sink holes along A444 with the large distributors including Pallet Network with 24 hour operation and double decker high side trailers.

The River Trent and tributaries including the River Mease is an area that is renowned for severe flooding and Burton Breweries built purely on this basis as Burton sits on a water table . How will the ground and installation cope with such flooding?

Severe answers of concerns on the impact of this on the local community and commuting which again is limited to certain roads due to the two bridges from Burton on Trent to South Derbyshire including Swadlincote.

Question again on large scale housing projects including the nearby Drakelow, why no solar panels on roofs? This would create a self sufficient estate for power, can have ev

chargers at each property as electric cars are to be compulsory and really invest in the future.

Back to the local area becoming a huge distribution site with huge large scale warehouses along the A38, M42 and A444 along with Burton and Swadlincote itself, why no Solar Panels on the roofs. Why no solar panels next to the A38 or fields not impacted by such a niche community as is Rosliston, including forestry, Coton in the Elms, Catton and Walton on Trent and more.

There is no chance of levelling up if the area is deteriorated with lack of tourist appeal, investment including employment if it is to become an industrial area with large distribution warehouses, a huge solar field with high fences, hedges taking years to grow and industrial high chance of fires battery storage. Glint and glare impacting the area, too close to villages, increased chance of flooding and will become just a passing through area.

Burton on Trent has become this already with the industrial warehouses and lack of community investment plus closure of historic tourist spots such as the Coors Museum. As confirmed by many others, climate investment is what I back 100%. And its not a case of it being in 'our own backyard'. This is purely down to the completely wrong area with the Community and location with insufficient infrastructure in place and to make this solar farm fit for purpose, square peg round hole, would disturb the one area of South Derbyshire, the absolute centre of England. A black hole of an area.

Thank you for your considerations
Trish