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As stated in the first objection I submitted, I recognise that climate change is the most significant global challenge facing the world today. We need to move away from use of fossil fuels and increase the amount of energy generated from renewables. There needs to be a mix of energy sources, including onshore and offshore wind, tidal and wave electricity and solar [and nuclear].

The energy mix needs to take into account the whole life environment and economic costs of each energy source, not only construction and operating costs, but also of decommissioning and land remediation. However, the placement of energy generating plants needs to take into account the impact on local environment and to improve the UK's food security.

I do not want to repeat my previous objections but wish to focus upon the impact that Oaklands Farm Solar Park would have upon Coton village.

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- The village is approached by narrow country roads. These roads are not designed to take construction traffic, and any such traffic will lead to more wear and tear to roads that are already in urgent need of repair
 - Weight and width restrictions have now been imposed upon three bridges crossing the River Trent, the consequence of which is increased traffic on the A444 and a rat run through Coton and surrounding villages
 - Mill Street and Church Street in Coton have seen an increase in traffic in recent years and there is already an increased risk to pedestrians, cyclists, ramblers and horse-riders.
Heavy construction traffic will put all of these users at further risk
 - Church Street does not have continual footpaths, and pedestrians need to go on to the road at several points. Additional heavy traffic will add to the risk
 - The one recreation area for children in Coton is accessed from Church Street. Additional traffic to this road will add to the dangers that children have accessing their park
 - The main access point for villagers to the A38 is via Walton Bridge. Whilst there are clearly displayed weight and width restrictions, drivers of heavy vehicles, frequently follow satnavs and find themselves in a situation of having to reverse the whole length of the road leading up to the bridge when they find they are too large to cross...or in the worst case scenario, try to cross and damage the bridge (as happened recently with the bridge needing to be closed for several weeks). This causes considerable inconvenience to residents. There are likely to be more incidents of vehicles following satnavs to access the solar farm and adding to this problem
 - The solar farm will bring about permanent changes to our rural and peaceful surroundings
 - There will be noise pollution, both during and after construction, impacting upon the well-being of villagers