

Written summary of oral submission provided by Trevor Burfield to The Planning Inspectorate on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 speaking against the construction of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm surrounding the village of Essendine.

Essendine is a small community with three hundred and fifty registered voters and thirty plus children. There is no pub, no shop, no amenities.

During the upcoming site inspections, The Planning Inspectorate and the Examining Authority should smell the air, taste the air, look at the unspoilt natural beauty, touch the ground and the wild flowers, listen to the wildlife.

The Examining Authority should visit the three schools in Great Casterton at 15.00hrs to 15.30hrs to witness and observe the existing traffic chaos, this traffic chaos exists without the introduction of sixty plus heavy good vehicles and hundreds of construction “white” vans travelling past these schools for two years.

The examining Authority should visit Essendine and see the children getting on and off the school buses, the school buses take children to school in Great Casterton, Ryhall, Bourne and Stamford.

Compulsory Acquisition was never openly communicated at either of the two in person consultations held in Essendine Village Hall by the applicant. The applicant failed to communicate on time and effectively with the affected parties. Compulsory acquisition will negatively affect the human rights of the affected parties. Carte blanche compulsory acquisition should not be granted.

Ecology and Biodiversity, the planning inspectorate should not support the wholesale destruction of the existing balanced ecologically friendly biodiverse environment with the introduction of millions of tonnes of concrete, steel, solar panels, fences, hard infrastructure and hundreds of thousands of vehicle movements. Please ask the applicant how many years will it take before the solar farm development will be carbon neutral.

Health and wellbeing, since the first communication about the proposed Solar Farm there is [REDACTED] sleepless nights, loss of house sales all of these are affecting the lives and living conditions of the residents of Essendine.

To sum up we choose to live in the country, we chose to live next to a railway line, with a main road and a small industrial area in our village, we choose to live harmoniously with the naturally occurring biodiversity. We chose to have fields, hedgerows, verges, rivers, open country, open views as our amenity.

We do not choose or support the industrialisation of quality best and most versatile farm land.

We do not choose the destruction of human rights and health and wellbeing of small communities.

We do not choose the destruction of existing biodiversity.

It is not morally correct to build this solar farm.

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