

**IP Statement to OFH" 17th May 2023 at 1900hrs, Peterborough Showground.
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Since learning of MPSF Planning submission in October 2021, my life, my family's lives and many other residents' lives have changed. Some, beyond all recognition, some irreversibly.

We love our home, our village and cherish this beautiful lifestyle. We moved here 37 years ago to share this joy and have brought up our family here. Many residents have lived around this area all their lives as have their generations before them!

The sheer size and NSIP status of this Development shocked me into finding out more! Consequently I began to engage, assimilate and communicate with the Applicant and as many family members, friends, and residents as possible in order to understand this submission.

I have a job, so any time spent on doing this, has been MY time outside my working day. It is important for you, the Ex A, to understand this, because I am pushing against a Corporate body based in Canada who started planning this Development minimally 2 years before I was informed of their intention as well as deals already done with local Farmers! I knew nothing!

After 20 months of proactive involvement with affected parties I sensed a real strength of feeling AGAINST this Development. Many are worried, horrified, angry and even despairing with "it is probably already a done deal"

So, I speak with them in mind too!

Every person UNDERSTANDS the Global Warming Crisis; the need for renewable energy resources; and feel weighed down by their community citizenship with responsibility to save our world!

This is NOT about being AGAINST solar energy! QUITE THE OPPOSITE! It's about being AGAINST using solar panels IN THIS WAY! Solar panels SHOULD be placed on commercial and private roofs! Nowhere else!

However, this one Development intends to place 540,000 black, solar panels, 3.3 m tall, each supported by a concrete foot power driven 2.5 metres deep into these rich fertile (some BMV) fields. NOT ON ROOFS! This HUGE area is 2038 acres. Even taller wire fencing will surround this area with

mounted security cameras and movement sensory lighting! A second huge substation is also to be built! This area is equivalent to 1400 football pitches. It encroaches on three Counties!

Productive BMV Land loss on this one scale will be horrific! However only yesterday I learned that Lincolnshire County has been asked to consider 11 NSIP Solar Developments! How about other Counties. I am not a nimby. I speak nationally Land loss on this scale is catastrophic.

This farmland must be FARMED to GROW CROPS for food. The UK needs Food production Security! The world has a food crisis too!

UK Farmland is a national asset! To react to the Global energy crisis by granting permission to an exploitative Developer in this way and create a UK that cannot grow sufficient food to feed its growing population is MADNESS!

THIS DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE CALLED A FARM. ITS ANYTHING BUT!

Construction is estimated to take 2 years. Realistically more. Many Essendine residents have now further been hit with COMPULSORY ACQUISITION. This was NOT mentioned during the CONSULTATION period!

So, this peaceful rural farming area we know and love will go! The existing rural road network will be changed to accommodate massive transporters! Severe pollution, unacceptable noise, traffic chaos, delays, verge and hedgerow damage or worse, obliteration! All living flora and fauna in its path, unconsidered and annihilated! It seems an SSSI means nothing. The increased traffic increases danger and potentially more accidents for everyone especially schoolchildren!

ALL other workers, commuters and visitors to and who pass through this area who are absolutely unaware at this point, of these implications, WILL also be severely affected! Alternative routes will become "Rat runs"!

This Development will visually change the landscape. From a beautiful rural colourful, one into a barren industrial dark one. This could be FOREVER!

Paths, bridleways copses, woods, hedgerows meandering rivers, ponds and fields will be altered, widened, re-surfaced straightened and re-routed to cater for the solar panel arrays DO NOT CONSIDER the walkers, dog walkers, cyclists, family excursions, bird watchers, and definitely not for good mental and physical health and well-being. destroyed plants trees and bushes and unbalanced the biodiverse environment that has taken hundreds and more

years to establish. No replanting or reintroduction of flora and fauna will MITIGATE those living organisms that have been destroyed in this plan. Rare or common all matter and have mattered here. Holes strategically placed around the perimeter fencing for creatures to escape through do not mitigate wild animals who should roam freely in their home too!

The use of Panels manufactured in China in where [REDACTED] are well documented. By allowing their use in the UK are we sending the message of condoning this [REDACTED] ?

At the end of the 40 years what happens then? The solar panels used, whose efficiency is the worst renewable energy resource -11% efficient at the start-will have been completely surpassed by new technologies probably very quickly by current technological progress! Decomposition! Degradation! The cost of their removal on this scale, is prohibitive. This development will become just another litter filled eye sore that we witness every time we go down the motorway!

Would this land, could this land, neglected for so long, EVER return to BMV food producing farmland? NO!

I would like to share with you my first meeting with a Windel Energy representative. at the first consultation in Ryhall Village Hall.

After we had exchanged a few pros and cons of MPS development I asked him if he would place this development next to his home. He replied:

I would but because I live in an area of outstanding natural beauty I wouldn't be allowed. He shrugged his shoulders and continued;

Somebody has to take the hit!

This is not life or a future to give to our loved ones or indeed anyone in this world. Have we not learnt from past and present conflicts, sacrifice and the pandemic.? We Know PTSD IS REAL. We know the importance of open green spaces to mental health and well-being as well as the obvious physical advantages.

I am at a loss! How can this Planning Application have got this far?

There is more so I will write a representation.

Please add to Principal Issue 10 Socio-Economics bullet point 3 Mental health and well-being. Please? Or perhaps give it the priority it deserves and make another singular Principal Issue 13 ? Thank you