

My name is Helen Woolley, I am a resident of Carlby Parish and live with my husband in a property located at the [REDACTED] of the proposed site.

We are identified as an Affected Party and are listed in the in the Book of Reference as residents with both a Category 1 and 3 interest under relevant planning legislation.

My husband is local and I moved to the area in 1982 when we married. After living for several years in the villages of Ryhall and Easton on the Hill, we made the decision to move and live in a very rural location surrounded by open fields and within an attractive, interesting landscape. We moved to our current home in spring 1996 and over the years have invested energy, time and money into making this our forever home.

So, you will understand when I say that my reaction on reading the A5 flyer, which I almost discarded as junk mail it looked so insignificant when it dropped through the letter box in November 2021, was one of absolute disbelief followed by shock and horror as I realised how big the scheme was and what a devastating impact it will have for us personally and our local community if it goes ahead.

Since the proposed scheme was announced I have engaged with the process read the many documents published, attended both in person and virtual meetings to make sure I am informed and able to make what I believe are sound decisions based on information provided by the applicant.

As I have studied the proposal in detail my emotions have ranged from anger through to great sadness and a huge sense of potential loss. Its size and scale are unprecedented in the UK, it will dominate the landscape, take valuable land out of food production and have an immeasurable impact on our rural communities. I have read nothing that convinces me that the scheme can be justified. The convenience of a connection onto the national grid is not a good enough reason.

**This evening I want to state that I am totally opposed the Mallard Pass Solar Farm and wish to object in the strongest possible terms.**

I have set out my reasons for this objection in my consultation responses to the applicant and the relevant representations submitted which will be developed in my written representations to be submitted in due course.

In the short time I have left I want to give a personal perspective on how we will be affected on a day to day basis should this scheme be approved.

Due to the topography and our location on [REDACTED] and with predominantly south and west facing windows and a south and west facing garden we have long uninterrupted open views of the landscape across the fields to Essendine in the SE, towards Stamford to the south, and to the west. If the scheme goes ahead solar panels will be visible from our home in each of these directions and I am not convinced that mitigation will provide effective screening because of the topography of the ground. Field 4 the most northern land parcel is approximately 210m from our property, highly visible from our two west facing reception rooms and upper floor rooms, one of which is an office so in use during the day. It is also acknowledged by the applicant as susceptible to glint and glare.

Many people choose to exercise by going to the gym or local sports facility. My gym is walking in the countryside using the network of public rights of way and country roads. I walk the dogs every day, often twice a day for anything from 40 mins to 2 hours enjoying the fresh air and tranquillity of the open countryside, the changing seasons often with bird song as the only sounds. And, from the number of people I meet I am not alone in enjoying this

experience. Walking through an industrialised landscape with fencing, CCTV and the noise generated by the installation most certainly does not offer the same experience.

Living in such a rural area reliance on a car is inevitable the extensive Compulsory Acquisition powers and traffic control measures being sought particularly during construction will significantly impact our ability to move easily around the area and cause huge disruption to our daily lives.

My comments tonight raise some of the issues of personal concern to us, I have not commented on the principal issues to be examined as this process continues. Given my significant concerns regarding many of the principal issues I will continue to engage with this process where and when appropriate.

As I close I ask both you as the examining officers and the Secretary of State for Energy to consider the tremendous toll this scheme will have on the health and well-being of our local communities whose properties and lives will be blighted if it goes ahead and with absolutely no meaningful community benefit.