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I would like to request a site inspection for part of the Gate Burton Energy Park would be adjacent to my business, which is live animals.

I have multiple concerns about how the solar farm with adversely effect my business and my livelihood.

As outlined before, I have major concerns with the following-

1-Major accident/disaster. If a fire broke out, the solar farm is very close to the business.

2-Noise. Both while construction is operational, and after with regards to low level constant noise which will effect animals health.

3-Traffic.The huge influx of additional heavy construction traffic along the lane, again not only a noise issue, but also how this will effect my customers while visiting the business.

4-Visual Impact- The business is advertised and has a reputation built with countryside views and quiet surroundings. Both of these will be negatively impacted on the business. Glare from the panels is also a concern

5-Flooding. This is already a high surface water flooding area. Cases have proven that solar farms add to flooding, so having this so close to the business will be detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the animals.

6- Licencing breaches. As a live animal business, we have to adhere to strict guidelines which ensure the safety and wellbeing of animals in our care. Noise levels, prolonged quiet periods, natural environment all have to be adhered to. Allowing the solar farm so close will put the business in breach of these conditions outlined by the local authority and The Department for Environment, Rural food and Affairs.

I would invite a site inspection to the area to see how this will effect us.

Thank you