

ID: 20038528 - WEST BURTON SOLAR VIEWPOINTS / PHOTOMONTAGES– APPENDIX C

There is virtually no distance separating any elements of the West Burton Solar, Cottam Solar, Gate Burton Solar and Tillbridge Solar projects. In addition to the above we are aware of another NSIP project, One Earth Solar, in the early stages of discussion, that will be just 3 miles distance from West Burton 2 solar. The various viewpoints in the Photomontages 1, 2 and 3 show the extent of the wide open landscape on whichever route is travelled be it an 'A' or 'B' road or a narrow country lane.

VIEWPOINT 21 – JUNCTION OF STURTON ROAD/MILL LANE, SAXILBY LANE/BROXHOLME LANE B1241

WEST BURTON 2

This scheme will totally destroy the area -

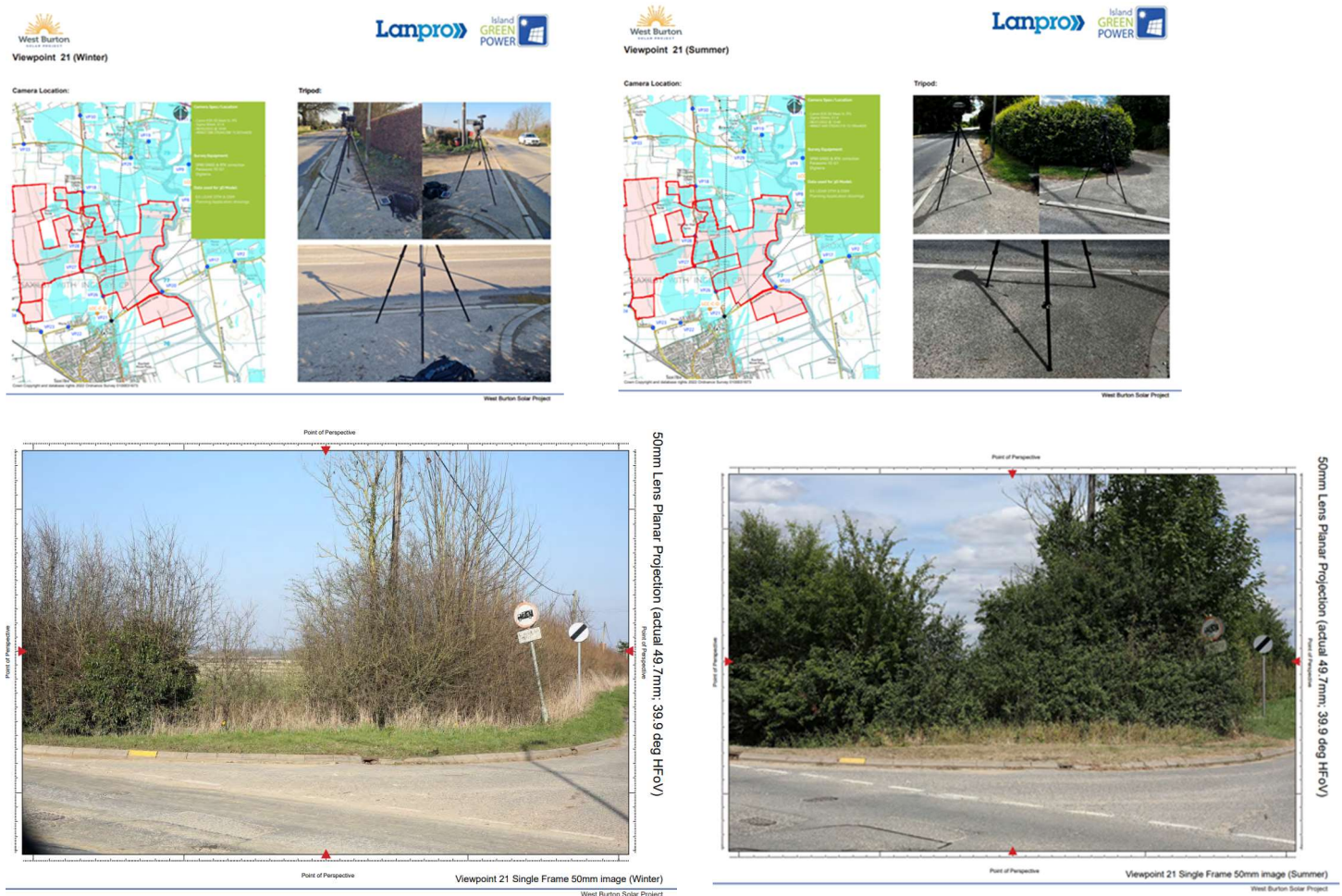


Image 1312 – Writers image taken November 2023 (B1241) Viewpoint 21



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Environmental Statement Appendix 8.1.5: Photography and Photomontage Methodology (Part 1 of 3)

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Image 1313 – Broxholme Lane Viewpoint 21

Image 1320 Sturton Road Viewpoint 21



Below image is Mill Lane, Saxilby Village at Viewpoint 21 to the right of the Junction of Broxholme Lane/Saxilby Lane heading South towards the A57.



Writer's Image 1316 below - Lincoln Cliff / Jurassic Escarpment (B1398) can be seen on the horizon even through this small portion of hedgerow at Viewpoint 21 despite the reduced scale of these images – both images taken November 2023.

Viewpoint 21 B1241 Junction at Broxholme Lane



Writer's Image 1320 below

Viewpoint 21 – B1241 Sturton Road heading North to Sturton by Stow. Short stretch of hedge on right hand side seen at Viewing Point 26 where this hedge finishes. There are wide open views to both the left (West) and right hand side (East) beyond this to the Lincoln Cliff (b1and views of the Cathedral. The new homes built in the last two years on the left hand side will overlook West Burton 2 to the East. The three storey houses particularly will have unobstructed views of the solar panels ! This development is quite large and houses behind the properties fronting the road will overlook West Burton Solar 2 to the North West. There are prestigious housing developments in this area of Saxilby and residents have little notion of the scale of this scheme, the disruption and chaos it will cause, the noise and overall ruination of the area. The works entrance to West Burton Solar East will be on the right hand side along this road just before the sweeping left and right hand bend, wholly unsuitable on this busy road.



At viewpoint 21 looking towards **Viewpoint 26** on the B1241 travelling North the solar panels would border the length of the open road to the right past the hedgerow shown above. As they are shown pointing East in the photomontage it is *accurate* to say they are 4.5 m tracking panels which, in tracking the sun to the West, will be a considerable distraction to motorists/road users with glint and glare facing motorists along this road for a considerable period during the day. There is no hedgerow along this route to eliminate this. Furthermore, I do not see how sections of cctv which, are said to point inwards, could not fail to pick up vehicles when passing

within the arc / sweep of vision on the bend(s) in this location on this road ? See Viewpoint 26 photomontages with solar panels illustrated.

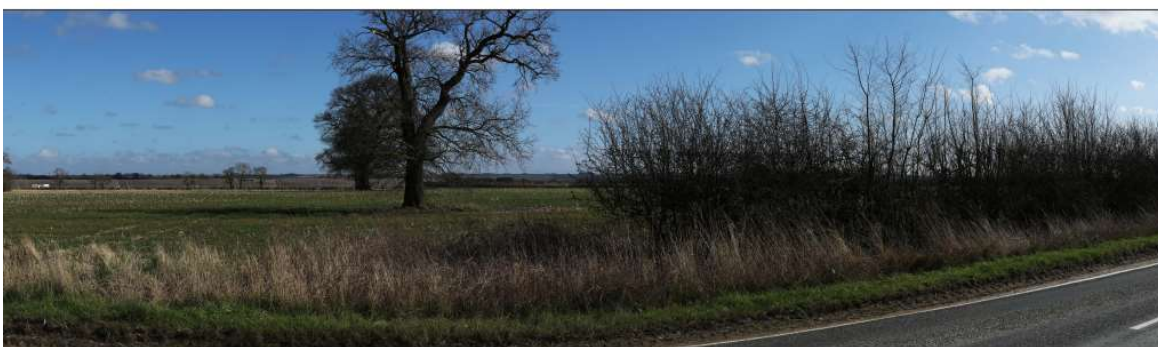
Writer's Image 1337 & 1338 below looking West of the B1241 Sturton Road, outskirts of Saxilby from Viewpoint 21 travelling towards Viewpoint 26. No hedgerow and the new and earlier housing developments can be seen in the distance – these will overlook West Burton 2 for 60 years and everyone travelling this road.



Viewpoint 26 - This hedge has been reduced in both height and width – see image 1312 page 1.



West Burton Solar Project
Viewpoint 26 - Winter A/R3 (Year 15)
Figure 8.13.25e



West Burton Solar Project
Viewpoint 26 - Winter A/R3 (Year 1)
Figure 8.13.25d

Please stop taking images pointing directly at the hedges below - people are driving through this landscape – it is not static ! The hedge above only covers a relatively short distance on the East side of B1241 from Viewpoint 21 at Saxilby towards Ingleby at Viewpoint 26. More to the point this is a very short stretch of hedge on this section the remaining views are across wide open

countryside. See images on page 5 and 6 below taken by the writer. *Where are Lanpro viewpoint 26 winter 15 year images ?*




West Burton Solar Project
Viewpoint 26 - Existing Summer View
Figure 8.13.26b




West Burton Solar Project
Viewpoint 26 - Winter A/R1 (Year 1)
Figure 8.13.26d

Viewpoint 26 Winter Year 1 page 4 – field with solar panels. These appear to be 4.5metre tracking solar panels with deer fencing around them. *Is this correct ?*

Travelling North on Sturton Road B1241 on the outskirts of Saxilby towards Ingleby to **Viewpoint 26**. The fields and open views below are on the west side of this road (West Burton 2 Solar) as the road approaches a long sweeping bend to the left then to the right.

Images 1345 - 1349 *sparse or no roadside hedgerows.*

Image 1346



Image 1333



Image 1334



Image 1349



Travelling North on Sturton Road B1241 from Saxilby towards Ingleby to **Viewpoint 26**. The fields and open views below are on the East side of this road. West Burton 2 Solar with 4.5m tracking solar panels, all their glint and glare, will abut the roadside along this section and completely overwhelm and annihilate the landscape. The road approaches a long sweeping bend to the left then to the right. This is spectacular uplifting open landscape looking towards the Lincoln Cliff/Juassic Escarpment (B1398) and Lincoln Cathedral. West Burton 2 will be highly visible from this road across this wholly uplifting Area of Great Landscape Value and completely eradicate the cliff view.

Images 1323 – 1329 Lincoln Cliff clearly visible



Image 1324



Image 1325 - Looking back towards Broxholme Lane



Image 1326 looking back towards Broxholme Lane

Image 1329 Leaving Saxilby village and travelling North towards Ingleby Viewpoint 26 – **No Hedgerows**

Image 1329 Leaving Saxilby village



INSERT MY IMAGES IN HERE. INCLUDING BROXHOLME IMAGES FROM WEST BURTON PHOTOMONTAGES AND MY OWN.

WEST BURTON 1 (BROXHOLME/A1500) - VIEWPOINTS

Viewpoints 1 through to Viewpoint 24

The views above will clearly be seen on the wide open landscape below from the B1398 Lincoln Cliff Road. At all of the above Viewpoints it is not possible to mask the scale of the solar construction where there are either partial, low or no hedgerows. Along the length of the Roman Road, the A1500 some 6 miles from the intersection of the B1398 hedgerows are almost non-existent on both sides of this road.....examples of a few **Viewpoints** below.

Viewpoint 1

Viewpoint 1 (Winter)

Camera Location:

Tripod:

West Burton Solar Project

Jmm Lens Planar Projection (actual 49.7mm; 39.9 deg HFOV)
 Point of Perspective

Viewpoint 1 Single Frame 50mm image (Winter)
West Burton Solar Project

Increasing the scale of the left tripod image above one can clearly see the Lincoln Cliff /Jurassic Escarpment on the horizon so why

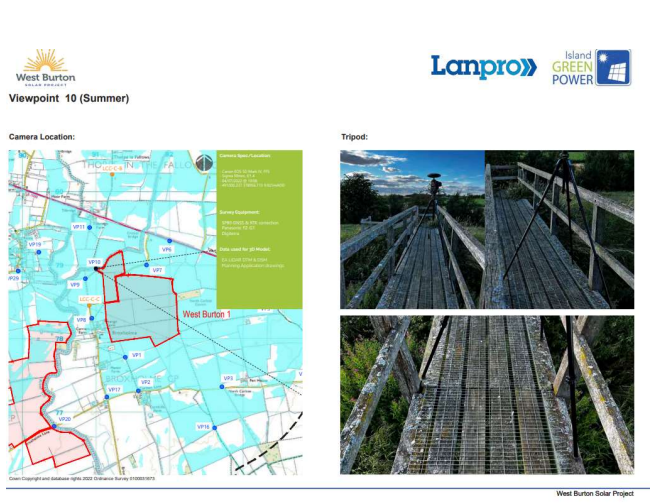
has the 'Lanpro' photographer taken an image so close to the hedge ? perhaps trying to obliterate that part of the landscape !

Viewpoint 8 looks towards the Lincoln Cliff / Jurassic Escarpment (B1398) which has amazing views across the Area of Great Landscape Value. Not only will West Burton 1 be clearly visible but West Burton 2 and 3, Cottam Solar, Gate Burton Solar and Tillbridge Solar Projects to anyone travelling along the length of the B1398.

*It is worthy of note that the 'Lanpro' photographer has taken **Viewpoint 8** with a Pylon 'in the middle' when there are other angles at this viewing point on this route which totally exclude this structure. Despite this, Pylons are here and there on the Lincolnshire landscape and do not dominate the landscape, nor the ground beneath them, nor the horizon in the way millions of solid black glass solar panels, sub stations, other hardware and paraphernalia would and the glint and glare produced, while Pylons are open structures that do not block out the views around them.*



Viewpoint 10 – page 9 below has a clear view looking to the Lincoln Cliff – again across the Area of Great Landscape Value. There is a Public Footpath across this space.



Viewpoint 12

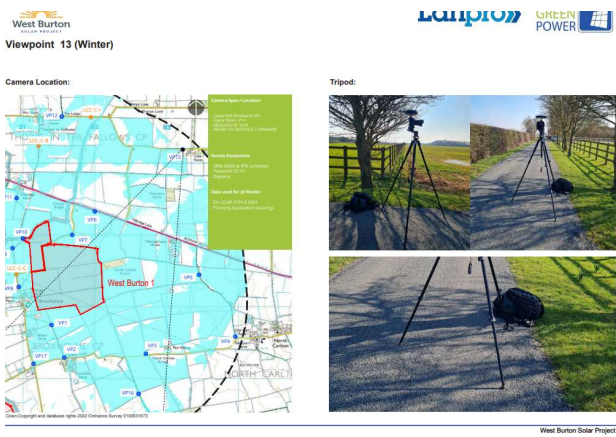
Viewpoint 15 (Winter)



Viewpoint 12 image taken from Thorpe Lane at Thorpe le Fallows where this medieval village could be completely surrounded by Island Green Power’s Cottam 1 Solar scheme, the same company who have submitted West Burton 1, 2 and 3 solar to the Planning Inspectorate.

Viewpoint 13 – page 10

Again Thorpe Le Fallows area by the ‘Lanpro’ photographer has included Scampton Gorse but also North Carlton Covert on the opposite side of the A1500 some distance away to create the impression that there is woodland across the entire area and this is not the case. The North Carlton Covert on the outskirts of the West Burton 1 scheme is miniscule in comparison to the solar scheme. Furthermore in the summer image it would appear the tree has intentionally been included to create the impression of even more woodland as the branches of this tree are barely visible in the winter image !



Viewpoint 15 and on page 12



Is this an attempt to 'discredit' the open summer views that we see daily on this landscape ? There are areas along this length of hedgerow with a clear view as my own image(s) demonstrates in this submission, which were taken just yards away from where the photographer's image was taken for the Environmental Statement.



Viewpoint 15 - Writer's images - View from Scampton Viewing Point taken October 2023. The hedgerows are still in leaf. Scampton village visible in the right of the image below.



Image 2



Power Stations 15 miles distant from this view with plumes of steam on the skyline.

Image 2



Image 3 and 4 below - A1500 at the junction of the B1398 at Scampton Viewing Point – fields can be seen in the distance both left and right of the images.



Image 3 and 4 - A1500 at the junction of the B1398 at Scampton Viewing Point – fields can be seen in the distance both left and right of the images.

WEST BURTON 3

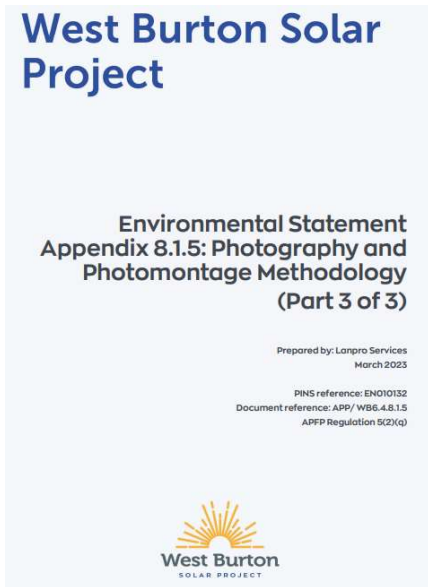
VIEWPOINT 53, 54, 55 & 56

A1500 TILLBRIDGE LANE - BETWEEN STURTON BY STOW VILLAGE AND MARTON VILLAGE

There will be close to 1.5 miles of solar panels alongside this road against the

Between these viewpoints there is hedgerow, trees and areas where West Burton 3 will be clearly visible to motorists and other road users on this route. I travel this road regularly and am very aware of the close proximity of the proposed solar panels to the roadside. I can find no information as to which size solar panel is proposed for this site

but I am also hugely aware of the substantial changes made by Island Green Power to the West Burton 3 site after the first two rounds of Consultation had ended. These changes should have resulted in villagers further afield. There are so many people who have no idea of the changes to this scheme, ie sub station, BESS batteries when a thorough



Viewpoint 53 -- 56

The Lanpro photographer's image has been taken just outside Marton village looking into the entrance to a private access road to a farm. This is not representative of what people will see driving daily along the A1500 (from which the farm accessed)



Viewpoint 53 – Marton Village on the A1500



Viewpoint 53 – Marton village standing at the entrance to the farm track



Viewpoint 53 looking from Marton Village to Sturton by Stow village



Views between **Viewpoints 53 and 56** where there are areas along the length of the A1500 road with 'open views' onto the landscape.



A1500 between Marton Village and Sturton by Stow village
between Viewpoints 53 and 56



A1500



As can be seen in the writer's images on pages 16, 17 and 19 the hedgerows vary in thickness and height. The solar panels and other hardware will be visible to all who use this very, very busy A1500.

Camera Location:



Tripod:



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Viewpoint 55 Single Frame 50mm image (Winter)

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A1500 – Images below are Views between Viewpoint 53 and 56





West Burton Solar 2 below



West Burton 2 3D Model (Infrastructure & Year 15 Planting) on 2m LIDAR DTM data (OSGB36)



Where is a 3D Model of these 3 sites with the trees and hedgerows presently insitu with which to be able to make comparisons and see which hedgerows have been removed ? Otherwise I do not see the point of such a model.

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