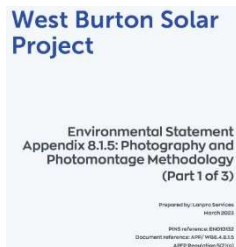


WEST BURTON SOLAR

Suggested viewing locations for the Examining Inspector site inspections, including the reason for nomination, issues to be observed there and whether the location(s) require access to private land.

Please refer to Photomontages Parts 1 of 3, 2 of 3 and 3 of 3 for viewpoint locations/map.



Viewpoints suggested for all 3 sites are on public land and maps are contained in the appropriate numbered Statements, example shown opposite here

West Burton 2 on the outskirts of Saxilby village and outskirts of Sturton by Stow village

Suggested starting point:-

Viewpoint 21 on the B1241 on the outskirts of the medieval village of Saxilby.

The proximity of West Burton 2 solar to the new housing developments, St Botolph's Church and the village is devastating. It really is on the doorstep of this village, the new dwellings and the dwelling on Broxholme Lane will immediately overlook the fields proposed to contain solar panels etc. This is a tourist destination with the Fossdyke Canal, which runs parallel with the A57, situate at the opposite end of the village to **Viewpoint 21**.

From **Viewpoint 21** continue North to **Viewpoint 26** where the West Burton 2 Solar site is split between the East and West sides of the B1241 a very busy road. This landscape will be dominated by the proposed solar scheme 4.5m high tracking panels, hardware, security fencing and cctv and will be a distraction to all passing by with the glint and glare risk to motorists being considerable when the tracking panels are orientating from east to west - there is no screening on this road and there are two double bends. To the Eastern side at **Viewpoint 26** where the solar panels are proposed there is a truly uplifting wide open landscape with views of the Lincoln Cliff (Jurassic Escarpment) and Lincoln Cathedral.

(Viewpoint section below incorporates elements of West Burton 2 and West Burton 3)

Continue North taking in *all the Viewpoints* on this section then please take the left turn at the junction at Bransby crossroads and travel along Cowdale Lane taking in **Viewpoints 33** Mill Lane and **43** Gorwick Lane on the way (these are shortcuts to the A1500 Roman Road and Sturton by Stow). There is a public footpath (PRoW) across the extensive agricultural fields in both directions on Gorwick Lane.

Then return to Cowdale Lane travelling West for some distance reaching the Stow Park Farm sign on your right hand side (or to **Viewpoints 45 and 46** shown in the Photography and Photomontage part 3 of 3). This extensive productive farmland to the right of Cowdale Lane is where West Burton 3 is proposed. Furthermore, Cowdale Lane runs parallel to the arterial A1500. West Burton 3 solar will absolutely engulf the land to the right of Cowdale Lane across to the A1500 where it would abut the A1500 for 2 miles. Together with West Burton 2 solar to the left hand side of Cowdale Lane, again encompassing productive farmland all the way to Hardwick / Sykes Lane at **Viewpoint 23** on the outskirts of Saxilby village, these will totally dominate and annihilate this area.

There are spectacular views to both the right and left on the well-used Cowdale Lane by both motorists, walkers, horse riders, cyclists etc as this road leads to Brampton village, Torksey village, Torksey Golf Club and ultimately onto Marton village but is also another scenic route used by motorists and others to Saxilby. **Public land.**

These two projects would traverse and envelop a titanic amount of productive arable farmland for 60 years. The Viewpoints / locations will enable the scale of West Burton 2 and West Burton 3 to be observed and obtain first-hand knowledge of the area and see the close proximity of each of these projects to the villages and to each other.

West Burton 3

From **Viewpoints 45 and 46** on Cowdale Lane return to Bransby crossroads, (excluding **Viewpoints 33 and 43** this time) and take the left turn onto the B1241 towards Sturton by Stow. Arriving at the junction of the B1241/ A1500 crossroads take the left turn at the Co-op shop onto the A1500 travelling West towards Marton village 'culminating' in **Viewpoint 53**. West Burton 3 would adjoins residential properties and the village Primary School with the dangerous BESS batteries only a short distance away.

From the outskirts of Sturton by Stow to Marton village covering almost 3 miles distance, not only will 4.5m high solar panels abut two thirds of the length of this very, very busy A1500 (which runs parallel with Cowdale Lane – West Burton 2 / West Burton 3) the compound containing the 13.5 metres high sub-station, BESS batteries and associated hardware will be hugely visible for miles to everyone travelling this route with risk of distraction and the detrimental visual impact on the landscape...current road users will know little, if anything, about this project under consideration and the inevitable huge disruption it would cause to their journeys.

There are open areas in the hedgerows along the length of the landscape/A1500 to Marton which differ with **Viewpoints 53,54, 55** etc contained in the Photography & Photomontage 3 of 3 Appendix. The historic Medieval Bishops Palace and Deer Park is also located on the proposed West Burton 3 site between Viewpoints 55 and 56, **(Private land). Road - Public land.**

West Burton 1 on the outskirts of Sturton by Stow village

Viewpoint 6 - Crickets Bridge on the A1500 and landscape beyond. There was flooding at Crickets Bridge on October 20th, 2023 – images contained in Deadline 1 submission.

Return from Marton village to Sturton by Stow along the A1500 and continue travelling East along the A1500 where West Burton 1 project is proposed. There are no hedges or only partial sparse hedging on both sides of this road acknowledging this project will be visible to all road users. Continue on the A1500 to the junction B1398 that intersects the A1500 and turn left to the Scampton 'official' viewpoint at **Viewpoint 15** and take in the view.

Return to the A1500 and turn right onto B1398 the Lincoln Cliff road (Jurassic Escarpment) towards Lincoln and look out over the Area of Great Landscape Value where (if one travels this road in both directions North/South) not only will the West Burton Solar scheme be highly visible but this outstanding landscape, an incredible patchwork quilt of crops during the summer, with views 15 miles + to the horizon, will be decimated beyond recognition by the four solar projects - Cottam Solar, Gate Burton Solar and Tillbridge Solar projects as combined they would be the largest solar farm complex in Europe, if not beyond, encompassing a colossal 10,000 acres with 7,000,000 solar panels. **Public land**

Visitors : The Lincolnshire Agricultural Showground is situated alongside the B1398 and the well renowned Riseholme College of Agriculture on the A1500. Visitors access the showground events via this road, the A1500 (and other routes) all year round but especially so each June when 60,000 visitors arrive for the two day Lincolnshire Agricultural Show. The villages of Burton, North and South Carlton on the landscape below the Jurassic Escarpment which can be seen from the B1398 will also be adversely affected by the solar schemes, not to mention those in the list below and others.

In addition, Gate Burton Solar is proposed on agricultural land on the outskirts of Marton village and Cottam Solar on agricultural land around the medieval village of Thorpe le Fallows, outskirts of Sturton by Stow, Stow, Normanby by Stow, Willingham by Stow, Fillingham, Scampton, Ingham, Brattleby, Glentworth and more villages beyond including Tillbridge Solar. Combined they would be the largest solar farm complex in Europe, if not beyond, encompassing a colossal 10,000 acres + of Best and Most Versatile (BMVL) agricultural and productive farmland. The communities of 30 villages will be affected,

Thank you.

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Map 1 attached of the area containing solar project(s)

