

24/1/2024 West Burton

Flooding in the proposed area

In the past few weeks we have experienced extensive flooding in the area designated for the installation of solar panels. My concerns are regarding the management of the land as the land sits inside the River Trent flood basin.

I understand that the land management will be made the responsibility of the land owner not the developer including flood risk and have a few questions based upon this.

The installation of the panels naturally will cover a large percentage of the ground reducing the ability of the ground to act as a soak away therefore leading to an earlier saturation of the surrounding land leading to a heightened flood risk.

1, Has the applicant provided a detailed document on how the land owner will provide land management in relation to the additional water displacement?

2, What guarantees are being provide by the land owner(s) to ensure land flood management and compliance over the planning permission period?

3, What work will be required to mitigate flooding risks prior to the panel installation and is there a detailed plan of works / maintenance to cover this? Has this been accepted by the relevant authorities?

4, What are the relevant authority's thoughts on the additional flood risk management via the land owner?

5, Flooding liability – flooding has been viewed as a natural event with no one being directly accountable.

However where changes to land away from nature-based activities may now be accountable and liable for damages caused.

What insurance cover will be provided to compensate any affected properties and land?

I am also disappointed that the applicate made no comment on the direct questions asked (by the first 3 speakers) and was more interested in the chastise of some of speakers - very unprofessional and condescending.

Photos are around Torksey







