

Broxholme Parish Meeting (BPM)- Solar Working Group February 2024

Re: Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA

From: Members of BPM Solar Working Group

BPM Items:

(1) Comments and observations on:

The Applicants Response to Relevant Representations

Pins Reference: EN010132

Document Reference: Ex1/WB8.1.2

BPM-08

The applicant has failed to provide a compelling argument to support the inclusion of **WB1 M1 land parcel** at Broxholme.

Inclusion of field M1 results in Broxholme residents having to pass **“Through”** the solar site as opposed to passing **“Around”** the site.

This is an important distinction for residents.

We respectfully disagree with IGP justification for the inclusion of M1.

The grazing argument is discredited (e.g. damage by compaction of soil along array channels by animal movement/ destroying biodiversity by grazing, methane and CO2 emissions etc.

If IGP are arguing that agricultural use is maintained by grazing, then may we see the plan for the grazing of livestock at West Burton Solar and its related economic viability?

85% of M1 is BMV grade 3a.

It is an outlier from the main site and is separated by a lane called Main Street.

IGP have not provided a compelling argument for its inclusion – Option agreement??? Please expand on this reasoning.

As stated previously this is a blatant land grab and should be removed from the application.

In addition, removal of M1 will greatly reduce any visual impact upon the Public Footpath which runs in proximity to the site.

(2) Comments and observations on CFA Archaeology Survey September 2022

Broxholme Church Lane was used by developers IGP/CFA W/C 26th September 2022 for the Archaeology survey.

Disregard for Broxholme residents:

- Residents adjacent to Church Lane had concerns about IGP/CFA contractors using Church Lane for site access to WB1. The BPM and residents had not been given prior notification of this activity.

Church Lane maintenance is privately funded by residents and any wear and tear by non-residential traffic is discouraged.

- Several requests to CFA and IGP for the landowners **Northern Site Access to be used instead during the survey week were ignored** – an apology that was received after completion was considered too little too late and disingenuous!
- **This is evidence of not engaging with Broxholme community within acceptable time frames and causing material disturbance to residents and erosion on Church Lane without having remedial actions in place.**
- The site office and parking were located opposite *The Old Rectory* private residence. We suspect that the location was used for security reasons to mitigate theft and there is a high probability that it will be used again – this must be prevented as this residential area should not be disturbed by contractor activity.

Residents are justifiably concerned that this **arrogant behaviour** is just the beginning and will continue if the DCO is granted and politely request that IGP and their contractor justify why they acted in this way? (Photographs available of contractor activity during this survey week)

(3) Comments and observations on applicants revised planning application for access to WB1.

Ref: EN010132-001385-WB202_B Land Plan Revision B (Change Application Version) Tracke...

The access to WB1 has been identified as problematic and unsuitable for large site traffic.

BPM is concerned and alarmed at new proposals to **“force”** access along this route.

Would IGP explain in detail exactly what their intentions are in respect to these proposed access applications and why they are necessary?

How will this impact on residents?

The plan/map legend contains the terms...

- Freehold to be compulsory acquired?
- Extinguish easements, servitudes, and other private rights?
- New Rights (including restrictions) to be compulsory acquired?

This language is intimidating and alarming!

To conclude:

BPM supports the **opposing arguments** to the WB DCO Application provided by the 7000 Acres Group, WLDC, LCC and other Interested Parties.

We look forward to receiving answers to our questions and concerns.

Thank you.

Broxholme Parish Meeting Solar Working Group