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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above alteration and removal of panels abutting the medieval settlement of Stow Park Deer Park, it comes as no surprise that the figures related to the land classification are irreconcilable and gobbledegook to most readers.

Access to independent surveyors has been denied and regardless of percentages, tall 3 piece meal areas have been farmed for decades and produced very good crops.

The land is not at all degraded, so percentages here, even if they were to be reconciled wouldn't be neither here or there, I believe, for the purpose of your assessment.

This is farmland, of which farmers are the custodians and given the precarious state of our economy and net zero ideology, are we really convinced that solar is still the best technology to throw in the mix of our energy strategy?

I see no strategy, just this continuous erosion of our collective and economical wellbeing, whilst food costs are consistently rising, not to mention electricity prices.

From beginning to end, Solar technology is an unmitigated disaster which can only bring misery to us and much wealth to global financiers. I would urge you to reconsider these and other local applications, namely Tillbridge Solar. A full understanding of the archaeological resource cannot be established as the cultural heritage hasn't been completely assessed.

Why am I saying this?

Because inadequate field trenching has taken place, with 342 trenches across 886 ha, less than 0.34% of the order line boundary.

With 2pc teaching informed, appropriate mitigation measures cannot exist for nearly 80% of the 3 sites!

The submitted documents, like the ones submitted for the land classification, are simply not fit for purpose, nor are they in accordance with professional standards and policy requirements.

It gets worse than not having done proper trenching to identify possible remains.

The developer suggests that they will use concrete! Yes, concrete ground anchors! This is unacceptable for elevated areas as it would cause any surviving archaeology to be destroyed without investigations.

The land on West Burton 3's remaining panels after the removal on the application is very likely to not have been trenched and in any case, given the historical relevance of the site, no panels should be there whatsoever! We need land for food and respect for protected sites of great regional relevance.

I would also like to bring further contest to West Burton 3, site of the Scheduled Monument and also 150 m away from a listed 2 building at the cross rail junction, a beautiful, if in aging condition, Station House. This has been listed since 1984 and would be completely surrounded by panels.

The developer has no regard to the immense heritage, historical environment, special integrity and visual landscape loss whatsoever!

Horizontal directional drilling for the cable route corridor would have to take place across agricultural land, also crossing the rivers Till and Trent

AND the railway where the Station House is located. Nobody has yet to convince me that drilling around it will, not cause further damage to an already fragile structure.

Regarding biodiversity, I will abstain from commenting, we are in this case talking double speak and more obfuscation if we must be persuaded to believe that the application will deliver a positive gain on this and all other other misleading allegation.

How did the birds and the bees survive without these infernal technologies, I wonder?

I will leave it at that and wish you all a sincere wish of joyful incoming holidays.

Laura Smith

