

Dear Sir, in my view these 4 neighbouring proposals: Cottom, Gate Burton, West Burton and Tillbridge are a cynical attempt by connected developers to circumvent the planning process and I request that the planning authority finds a method by which they may be all considered as one project. Evidence would be: directors connected with more than one project, the same legal firm being employed by all projects and the same "trench" to be used by all. The people of this area are not NIMBYs but consider the installation of the third biggest solar project in the world in an area of natural beauty to be unfair and unnecessary. Though "we" would not have wanted the project one of the four would have been accepted. This huge development will not only destroy a beautiful view, irrevocably destroy wild life habitat it will also destroy good agricultural land which is needed to ensure food security - re war in Ukraine. At the Glentworth meeting the agricultural representative from DDM described last year's bumper harvest from much of the land in question as a "once in twenty-five year event" which clearly begs the question "How does he know?" We all recognise the climate is changing and these heavier clay soils retain much more moisture than "grade one land" and are therefore much more valuable than they have been deemed historically.

Whereas the examining authority and the legal teams are well versed in this process we, the local people are not. I therefore respectfully request that the said process slows in order for us all to understand what we may better do to protect our environment, wildlife and food security before it is too late.

If the project were to go ahead how will the ancient and historic view from the cliff be protected? How will ancient deer tracks be protected through the deer fenced land? How will there be a guarantee of benefits to the local communities adjacent to these schemes? After forty years how will there be a guarantee of recycling of the materials used in construction of the scheme be assured when this does not even exist today.

Thank you for taking the time to read these layman's comments

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