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Representation of Mr Alan Morton - Home owner at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - on the Proposed Solar Farms

I am writing to alternatively, independently and formally register my opposition to the proposed large scale Solar Farm developments in my immediate vicinity comprising Cottam Solar Project as noted in subject above. My home sits amidst these numerous projects and my concern is the cumulative effect the proposed 4 projects will have on my local landscape and my resident family.

To this end, and to be sure that my representation is heard, I share hereby a copy of some comments made to the Tillbridge Solar scheme, but which are equally relevant to the Cottam Solar scheme affecting lifestyle, property and [REDACTED].

My note is to enlist your support that the Cottam Scheme be aware, and that the Tillbridge scheme makes a formal reply in the reasonable time as I have requested, and I shall be grateful to hear from you in confirmation of this.

Yours Faithfully
Alan Morton.

sent to info@tillbridgesolar.com 7th July 2023

Dear Sirs
Please be advised that I have responded to your consultation via your website.

I have made some comments, which are copied below for your reference.

According this direct contact with you I should appreciate a written response, as I have requested, no later than 10 days after the closure of your consultation period.

I shall be grateful for your consideration of my concerns and assure that pragmatic resolution is intended through this process to protect my vested interests and your ambitions;

Key Comments made in the feedback questionnaire;

- I hold the opinion that society, local and global community who consume electricity require that its' production is by the most sensible means according to need. What this does not mean is that they all need renewable sources, and what this does not mean is that they all need carbon and fossil fuel sources. Use of equipment and appliances which operate using electricity howsoever can be extremely expensive according to how the electricity is provided, either from a source or from storage and this can be prohibitive to society in general which can disenfranchise a significant proportion of communities both global and local. Whilst I can acknowledge an ambition to generate electricity according to current "clean" methods, I cannot believe that this will make supply either more widely available or at a better cost to consumers, moreover, progressively, there is a social risk of monopoly by a provider or providers which is not is the long term interest of society

either local or global. Science, as we know it today, will prove that production of electricity is relatively easy whilst distribution to achieve beneficial use is very difficult. The technology by means of efficient storage is unproven, and the loss of electricity through a distribution network of modern materials is widely acknowledged as it is recorded and presented as operational inefficiency of the current and modernised power grid in the UK. Disparate production of electricity destined for distant consumption is nonsensical in this regard, and I offer that support for your scheme could be more widely garnered if the disrupted local communities were to directly receive a benefit from the monstrosity which you are proposing to replace their historic and ancient vista with. Fields of glass and metal are as an "industrial wasteland" unless they are affording a community benefit and you would be wise to review your proposals of production and storage to be able make such a social change rather than abuse the privilege that we have of choosing to live in England's Green and Pleasant Land. For the avoidance of doubt green in this context means arboreal, arable and horticultural.

- Please refer to your "Indicative site layout plan" areas 9 & 10.

May I thank you for your consideration of [REDACTED] on the referenced plan. The noted "woodland as screening" and "Buffer to proposed Cottam Solar scheme", do afford some satisfaction of protection from the change of ancient vista that is wholly a part of the residential appeal of my properties.

With regard to the "proposed" siting of a water tank in the "setback grassland habitat" (9) this seems to be in complete contradiction of your efforts to shield myself and close neighbours from your scheme, and I formally oppose this construction and ask your to reconsider your plan.

With regard to "Woodland as screening" (9), thank you for this consideration. My properties overlook the land from a first and second floor elevation therefore It would be assuring if conversion of the area 9 could start and be completed prior to any construction of solar panels planned in the adjacent fields, thus giving the opportunity for some maturity in the immediate and short term. A decision to delay such a plantation to a time post construction is wholly unacceptable and does not have my support, unless trees of minimum 5 metre height and appropriate density and population were to be planted and maintained in lieu? It is essential to confirming any support that I may give that the "Woodland as screening" is a managed woodland encouraged to prosper.

With regard to the south east boundary corner of area 10, I would request that a mature woodland and or treeline screen be developed. The proximity of foliage as screening on the roadside and adjacent to my properties will be inadequate and impractical as a provision for screening, it will effectively blight the properties whilst the vista is destroyed. Far more effective and efficient would be a mature woodland in the south and east boundary corner of area 10.

In regard to these comments I would seek assurance that your identification of these areas 9 & 10 as "potential" are confirmed as actual and in work planning as in advance of solar panel manufacture, installation, and commissioning. Please can your formally notify to me?

It is unreasonable of your plan to provision that the the first floor view from my properties overlooks a sea of solar panels. For the avoidance of doubt, please understand that the quantum of change which your plan proposes to the local ancient vista is devastating. I am prepared to work with you mitigate this, but you must take responsibility for the loss and deconstruction of what is an historic and ancient vista of significant importance recorded since times of Roman occupation of our region, the wetlands of the "River Trent" as we know it today, have already suffered the blight on vista of power station development in Nottinghamshire. Further destruction in Lincolnshire does not remedy this.

- Regarding your "Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan (BFSMP)" and earlier comments of mine relating to the siting of a "water tank" in area 9. If this proposal is "Fire water storage tanks dedicated for firefighting operations only, water provision will be designated for the cooling of adjacent BESS or ESS equipment. Tanks can be integrated above or below ground." then it would appear to be more than the "UK NFCC guidelines" which "stipulate tanks should be located a minimum of 10 metres away from BESS or ESS equipment...." per your document Appendix 03-3. If these tanks are for safety and security of mine and adjacent properties, then, I thank you for this consideration but insists that the tank is constructed to rest underground without any sight.

Regarding your "Outline Landscape Environmental Management Plan (LEMP)" Appendix 03-2 section 6.3.2 points 2 & 5

2. Withdrawing the southern Scheme Boundary (in combination with landowner negotiations) away from the areas around Ingham and Fillingham, which include sensitive features such as PRoW, Fillingham Lake and closer-range views from Fillingham Castle.

5.Views considered to be of importance, including southwest from Middle Street to Glentworth Hall with a "superb view of this historic house in its parkland setting with distant views across the Trent in the background".

With regard to point 2. I would draw your attention to my earlier comments regarding area 10 of your Indicative site layout plan,

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Whilst I consider that mine is a " view considered to be of importance...", your report point 5. above, to me.

- Your report Appendix 15-1 section 4.11 identifies that [REDACTED]. In the same report it identifies that speed limits are restricted to 30 - 40 mph in the residential sections. I cannot find that there has been an assessment of weight of vehicles, per speed of vehicles per frequency of journey. I raise this point because at no time has a formal assessment been made of suitability for use compared mechanical degradation caused to my and other roadside properties.

I suggest to you that my property is at risk of subsidence through abuse of [REDACTED] by heavy goods transport, both in frequency and in the effect of noise, vibration and hardness to the fabric construction of my properties.

Please be hereby formally advised that any proposed or accidental use of [REDACTED] by construction traffic associated with your project or those associated with your project for another reason, render your project and its directors and agents liable to remedy of damages to my properties howsoever caused, which shall be pursued against your project according to the claims and assertions made in your reports available during this consultation period.

For the avoidance of doubt, vibration caused by by low frequency mechanical motion of weighted vehicles combined with noise resultant from combustion engines can cause material damage in close proximity to building structures. A letter of guarantee is requested by return assuring that your project will not use [REDACTED] for access to your proposed sites, please confirm that you are able to do this. Thank you.

- Please refer to my specific points above and provide a written response with 10 days of the closure of the consultation period.

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This project is of significant importance to many of us for different reasons.

I appreciate that this is a business opportunity for the land owner.

I acknowledge that a choice has been made to pursue an ecologically friendly ambition

I chose to live in the countryside for good reason.

I object to my liberty being restricted.

I am grateful that I have managed to achieve some consultation and with neighbours appraised your project of its affect to our lifestyle.

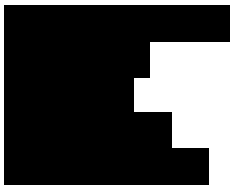
I am prepared to work with you to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

This consultation response has been copied and constitutes a formal response with questions which I shall be grateful to receive your written answer to, whilst we continue to work together.

Thank you

Alan Morton 7th July 2023

Please provide your written response to:



Yours Faithfully

Alan Morton

Sent from my iPhone