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To: [Great North Road Solar](#)
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Please find comments from Councillors of the Weston Parish Council. We appreciate these comments are sent in late however, we are a small parish and only lately connected to the other villages considering the Solar Farm more collectively.

I had requested a public meeting for our villagers to hear about the proposals, but no one responded to my email. And for such a huge scheme the consultation period has not worked to allow us to arrange meetings and it has felt rushed by all concerned.

Comments from individual Councillors (1 abstained):
"Environmental impact assessment scoping - Great North Road Solar Park

The proposed solar park is excessive and would take up too much valuable productive land

and should be rejected or vastly scaled down.

Massive economic loss from land production which will result in huge import costs to counteract loss.

The change of land use from arable soils to grazing land will have a detrimental effect on the

land and will take a long time to get back to fertile land again after the 40 year period.

Land

use report from Keron Countryside Consultants Limited not available with the environmental

impact assessment scoping report discussing loss of Grade 1 to 5 high productive land over

the proposed Solar Park scheme.

Potential desecration/destruction of buried architectural remains and or artefacts etc during

the construction phase.

Disruption to walkers and horse riders to footpaths and bridleways during construction phase. Nine footpaths and one bridleway will be affected.

Massive increase of heavy goods vehicle traffic around the narrow country lanes with a potential increase of air pollution.

Proposed solar park would have a massive impact on the flora and fauna in the area during

construction phase

Proposed solar park would have a massive negative impact to the birds and animals occupying the land during the construction phase. Deer, badgers, foxes, native birds etc will

lose their territory and freedom to roam and forage during construction and land occupancy.

Will new fences need to be erected which could prevent movement of animals.

Confirm No new pylons be erected as part of the Solar park scheme, no negative visual impact.

Confirm all cabling associated with the proposed solar scheme will be underground in the

fields to Staythorpe Power Station.

Parts of Moorhouse beck are not managed properly and regularly floods on part of the land

in the proposed scheme around Weston"

I am sure we will have the opportunity to comment further along the line. But would like these comments registered.

Kindest regards,

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