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**Subject:** RE: Weston Parish Council comments Solar Farm in Newark & Sherwood Notts

Dear Olwen,

Thank you for your email and comments on the Great North Road Solar Park.

The proposed application above is currently at the Pre-application stage of the Planning Act 2008 process. Further information about the process can be found in the link below to the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>.

In summary, before submitting an application, potential applicants have a statutory duty to carry out consultation on their proposals. The length of time taken to prepare and consult on a project will vary depending upon its scale and complexity. Responding to an applicant's Pre-application consultation is the best time to influence a project, whether you agree with it, disagree with it, or believe it could be improved.

If you have any questions/concerns about the developer's pre-application consultation you should contact:

Email: [info@gnrsolarpark.co.uk](mailto:info@gnrsolarpark.co.uk)

Call Freephone: 08081754054 (open 0900-1700 Monday to Friday)

Write to: FREEPOST GNR SOLAR

For further information on the project, please visit [www.gnrsolarpark.co.uk](http://www.gnrsolarpark.co.uk)

I hope you found this information helpful.

Kind regards,



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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,

**Olwen**

Olwen Edwards

Clerk to Weston Parish Council

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