

Examples of objections other communities have submitted: Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

Have a quick look through to see what others have said about the solar 'NSIPs' they are opposing in their own communities.

These examples are just for reference – while every solar NSIP will have similarities, each individual scheme will trigger specific issues and concerns.

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Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park – at Pre-Examination stage

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Shorter objections

I'm registering in order to express my concern over the scale of this project. I'm concerned about the loss of arable farmland and the impact of the speedier run off of rain on local flooding. I am not convinced that the mitigations proposed by Elements Green will go far enough to protect my community. I don't understand why rather than destroy countryside we aren't covering industrial and distribution units with solar panels, why aren't we bringing the power from Scotland that we pay them to not produce. Already a local anning app to start filling in the donut has been approved. When will this end

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I do not believe we should be using valuable agricultural farm land, particularly during times of global food insecurity, when there are many other viable alternatives that won't have such detrimental environmental impacts. There will be destruction of natural habitats and disruption of local wildlife. This large scale industrial proposal will also cause visual pollution, negatively altering the visual landscape of our rural area and the nature of our rural community. I am also concerned about the initial financial costs; the energy and resources required for panel production, and about the long-term sustainability and maintenance of the technology. The road infrastructure is not mature enough to cope with the demands of the project and the flood risk will be even greater to the village of Norwell as a result.

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Object to the planning application.

We are a small village and will be surrounded by solar panels. The roads and infrastructure in this area will not be able to cope with the traffic that installing a solar park will entail.

The impact on the countryside will be devastating and as we live in a conservation village this will have a negative Impact.

The glint and glare is also an issue for motorists, cyclists and horse riders.

The marketing claim that the solar farm will create enough power for all of the properties in Nottinghamshire has been fabricated to try to encourage support, however the claim is unjustifiable.

Farming is a huge part of our countryside and British produce would far outweigh the benefits of a solar farm on the land in question.

Overall, I object to the solar farm.

More extensive objections

(Redacted) I have lived here for many years and enjoy the surrounding fields and wildlife that surrounds me.

I often have concerns (especially during winter months) regarding flooding because we are surrounded on 3 sides by water. Little Carlton has not been flooded for some years but surrounding villages have and this impacts us all as a community. The plan talks about slowing water down by drainage. Talking to residents that have lived here for a very long time say that the water needs to get through quickly to avoid meeting the flood water coursing down the River Trent. My concern is that the solar fields will only add to the impact of flooding in the area.

It is my understanding that the A616 will be used as one of the main roads for construction traffic and that it has been classed as a 'low' usage road. I am not sure how Elements Green have come to this conclusion. Has there been a full survey done on this road?

(Redacted) A616 (Redacted) problems with noise and vibration with heavy vehicles and other vehicles not abiding to the speed limit of 40mph through Little Carlton. It is my understanding that there will be an increase of nearly (on average) 74%. This road already suffers when the A1 or A46 is closed, flooding on the A617 and it is already a nightmare trying to get into Newark Town at peak time. How can the area cope with extra industrial traffic?

I see some wonderful wildlife in the area, how can all of this construction on an industrial scale not have an effect on wildlife? My fear is that the landscape that surrounds me will change forever. There are no clear answers regarding recycling of these panels, the miles of plastic that they will be packaged in and are we going to be left with solar panel grave yards in 40 years?

There are also fields that are named mitigation land what exactly does this mean? Nowhere in the proposal can I find what is meant by "mitigation"? What are these fields going to be used for in the future?

The loss of 4070 acres of productive farm land is huge and especially when the UK needs to be more self sufficient. The look of these fields are (in my opinion) an eyesore and the sheer size of this project saddens me to think of what the surrounding fields will look like.

Overall I feel that the project will negatively impact on people's lives and the surrounding areas. I don't want to see the industrialisation of Newark and without clearer answers I cannot and will not support this project.

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Great North Road Solar Project.

While I support the need for a transition to renewable energy, this particular proposal raises several serious concerns that I believe have not been adequately addressed. My objections are based on the following grounds:

1. Environmental Impact

The proposed project site is home to significant local biodiversity, including native flora and fauna. Large-scale solar developments can fragment habitats, disrupt wildlife corridors, and contribute to the decline of local species. The clearing of land for such infrastructure contradicts broader conservation efforts in our region.

2. Visual and Landscape Impacts

The scale and visual presence of the solar arrays will alter the character of our local landscape significantly. The project will industrialise what is currently a largely rural or semi-rural area, negatively affecting the visual amenity enjoyed by local residents and visitors alike.

3. Loss of Prime Agricultural Land

The proposed site is located on some of the most productive and fertile agricultural land in the region. Sacrificing this land for industrial-scale solar infrastructure is a short-sighted decision that undermines long-term food security and the viability of local farming operations. Once this land is developed, its agricultural potential may be lost or significantly diminished. Productive farmland should be protected — especially when there are alternative sites available that are less suitable for agriculture.

4. Noise, Glare, and Dust Pollution

Concerns have been raised about potential glare from solar panels, noise generated during both construction and operation phases, and dust pollution — especially for nearby homes and properties. These factors can significantly degrade the quality of life for residents living close to the proposed site.

5. Impact on Property Values

There is credible concern that the presence of a large-scale solar farm will negatively affect nearby property values. The stigma associated with industrial-scale developments in residential or semi-rural settings can deter prospective buyers and impact long-term investments in the community.

6. Cumulative Impact with Other Projects

The region has seen a rise in large-scale infrastructure proposals, and the cumulative impact of multiple projects is not being properly assessed. Each proposal is being treated in isolation, without considering the broader burden being placed on local communities.

Conclusion

I urge the planning authorities to reconsider the suitability of this project's location and its scale. Renewable energy is vital, but it must be pursued in ways that respect local communities, protect natural landscapes, and ensure fair and transparent consultation.

Thank you for considering my submission.