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Please find below the comments from Costock Parish Council regarding application 24/00161/FUL

24/00161/FUL Solar Farm

Costock Parish Council has held consultations with residents to determine community views on this application. While there is inevitably a range of views and a recognition from many that there is a need for solar power, a number of concerns have been raised:

1. The scale of this proposal is huge, especially when seen alongside the existing permission in this area.(22/00303/FUL). As adjacent developments they breach planning rules relating to the need for Central Government approval.
2. Excess water from the site will run into Kingston Brook, this will be exacerbated by the foundations needed to hold the panels in place which will reduce the soak away capacity of the ground. This area already suffers from flooding and recently Kingston Brook has frequently been full to capacity and overflowing especially further downstream. This will cause further difficulties for residents of Costock and East Leake from the knock-on effects leading to even more flooding.
3. Construction will take 24 weeks during which there will be large numbers of very large lorries using Wysall Road and the A60 crossroads.

Wysall Road is wide enough for 2 cars to pass but not wide enough for 2 lorries to pass without straying onto already soft verges. Even on a relatively quiet road this will cause congestion for local users. The crossroads is very busy both along the A60 and with vehicles from East Leake and Costock village wishing to use the A60. It is the one unregulated crossroads between Ruddington and Loughborough and there are already regular accidents. Most are fortunately minor but they result in stressed road users and damaged vehicles. Large lorries navigating both onto and out of Wysall Road will lead to impatience (the cause of many accidents) and danger for pedestrians who live on the east side of the A60 but regularly use village facilities in the centre of the village which is to the west of the A60.

No lorries should be allowed to use the parking area to the east of the A60 or Old Main Road as a cut through in any direction.

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