

Consultee Comments for Planning Application 22/00319/FUL

Application Summary

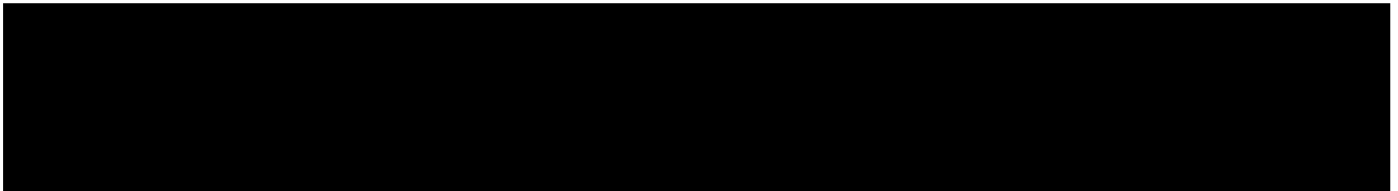
Application Number: 22/00319/FUL

Address: Land To The West Of Wood Lane And Stocking Lane Kingston Estate Gotham Nottinghamshire NG11 0LF

Proposal: Installation of renewable energy generating solar farm comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays, together with substation, inverter stations, security measures, site access, internal access tracks and other ancillary infrastructure, including landscaping and biodiversity enhancements

Case Officer: Craig Miles

Consultee Details



Comments

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed for the council to remain neutral in as the Parish Council in principle supports green energy but would like to make the following comments:

The East Leake Neighbourhood Plan confirms at Paragraph 5.1.5: The network of footpaths and bridleways that provide access into the countryside make it a valuable leisure amenity for residents.

The network of bridleways and footpaths including those along fields 15 & 16 are regularly used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders and we would welcome a review of the layout of the solar farm to minimise impact on the amenity

We are concerned the noise from invertors may prevent many horses, dogs and people from comfortably using adjoining bridleways and would like to see these are placed far away from the public paths.

We note the planting of hedgerow to screen the fencing will take at least 10 years to be fully established and even then will not fully hide the panels from sight from the public footpaths. Is more mature planting an option to reduce this timeframe?

We understand most if not all of the fields are currently used in food production which is very important in the current climate. We would like reassurance that food production (arable or pastoral) will be able to continue on the fields with the solar panels in use and see a long term plan for combined use.

The Environmental Impact Assessment does not much detail and we would like to see a more detailed report and mitigation plan prior to commencement of works. If the land is not planted and especially if the land is treated with weed killer we have deep concerns the population of the varied wildlife in the area will decline steeply due to lack of food.

We are concerned about the potential risk of flooding as a result of a reduction in ground permeability and increased water run off.