



Nottinghamshire

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Applicant: Ms Sarah Rocks

Development: 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.

Location: British Gypsum Glebe Mine And Cuckoo Bush Farm Leake Road Gotham Nottingham Nottinghamshire NG11 0LF

Sir/Madam

Notts Area Ramblers deeply regret the public's potential loss of appreciation of the landscape that this application involves and would prefer it not to happen.

However, we acknowledge the thoughtful attempts at mitigation which include:

- Maintaining wide paths
- Hedges well set back from the paths
- Use of the existing trees to shield the array from sight.

We note that fields 15 and 16 will look unsightly until such time as hedges have been given time to grow to a suitable height and density. Additionally, we note that equestrians will be unduly affected because they will survey the scene from a much greater height. The various photos supplied within the visual appraisal documents are taken from a height of 1.5m which is slightly low even for an adult walker.

We would suggest that:

1. The inclusion of fields 15 and 16 should be reconsidered.
2. The maintenance of hedges be given much thought to ensure not only height but also density in order to provide good screening and also to provide better provision for wildlife.
3. All seeding and planting to be carried out with consideration of biodiversity. (See Ecology and Sustainability Report)

Yours sincerely