

Southwell Town Council considered application 20/01242/FULM Land North Of Halloughton amendments and agreed by majority to strongly object to this application for the following reasons in addition to the previously submitted objections: -

The loss of one field has no significant change on the impact development will have on the area. Overall the surface area covered by the development is approximately 40-50% of the area of Southwell, and this makes it of industrial proportions and unsuitable for a rural area.

The rewilding from the Northeast corner will only replace the natural area which is wild already, and has been for many years. Because of the shading of the sunlight and rain, the reinstatement of the land after 40 years will take a long time to get the land back to good quality.

Previous comments are below:

There are no substantive changes to the previous application and this development is using prime 3B agricultural land. Such developments should be reserved for brownfield sites. The council reiterate their previous comments below:

Overall size, the proposed site is too large at 260 acres. They prefer to see a much smaller site. Loss of over 100 hectares of Grade 3 (according to the DEFRA maps and local evidence) agricultural land in a rolling landscape, (Govt policy to prefer flat landscapes for Solar Farms) - Lack of an adequate archaeological report, a full report is required as this area is of archaeological interest –

Intrusive nature of the fencing and CCTV cameras, there are 138 three metre high CCTV poles around the fencing, this height should be reduced, and could it be confirmed that these are infra-red cameras to reduce any risk of light pollution? –

There will be loss of amenity to well used public footpaths around and through the site also the loss of views and hedging and footpaths -

Loss of amenity to the people of Halloughton from both the panels and the siting of the access road within the conservation area.

Many of the shielding features of Woodland and hedges are on other people's land and the removal of any of these would have a dramatic visual impact on the area and is out of the developer's control. Inadequate flood mitigation measures especially in the Halloughton catchment. Also there seems to be no account taken of the probable silting of the attenuation pond –

Height of the panel arrays -It goes against Southwell Neighbourhood Plan in E4, E5 and in particular policy E6 which states: it should not 'impact negatively on the local landscape Character.'

There will be loss of amenity to well used public footpaths around and through the site.

The area around Westhorpe Dumble will be significantly impacted and there will be significant loss of established wildlife corridors