



# HAIL WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Proposal: Proposed development of solar farm and associated development

Site address: Land South of High Wood, Kimbolton Road, Hail Weston, St Neots.

## **Observations of Hail Weston Council (HWPC)**

Landscape and visual: The size and scale of this proposal is of concern to HWPC who see this as a separate planning development and not an extension to the current site. Screening of site requires careful consideration.

Land use and land grade: The proposal as described contradicts section 9.3.2 of the Bedford Borough Council local plan 2030 and LP35 of the Huntingdonshire District Council Plan up to 2036 in that it is being developed on high quality agricultural land. There are few sites within Bedford Borough with similar topological features being used for solar farms.

Ecology and biodiversity: To be included in the Biodiversity Management Plan should be a habitat survey, an EIA and a tree survey and should specifically include that any screening as suggested must be to a higher quality and improvement on that which has currently been provided at the initial site. throughout this should be borne in mind that the ancient woodlands as described in that area are priority habitats and should not be touched.

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