## THE THOROTON SOCIETY





Planning Dept, Newark and Sherwood DC

Little Dower House Station Road Bleasby Nottinghamshire NG14 7FX

Telephone 01636 830284 Email barbaracast@btinternet.com

29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## HALLOUGHTON (COTMOOR) SOLAR FARM – RESPONSE ON PLANNING APPLICATION 20/01242/FULM - AS AMENDED DECEMBER 2020

The Society sent in its strong objections to this proposal on  $31^{st}$  July 2020 and again on  $10^{th}$  January 2021 on amendments made to this application. We would request that these previous submissions be considered again, along with these further remarks.

There is nothing in the minor amendments which addresses the material concerns of the Thoroton Society.

The effect on the historic landscape would not be ameliorated by the proposed amendments. Tree planting is always welcome but the area is already blessed with mature and long-standing trees and hedgerows: the excellent hedges provide food and shelter for a wealth of birds and other wildlife, wildlife which would be disrupted by the introduction of industrial infrastructure.

Even of more concern, the entrance to the conservation village, the most sensitive part of Halloughton where the most important buildings are, Grade 2\* Manor Farm and Grade 2 Church of St James, has not received any further consideration by the company. And this is where entrance to the solar farm is proposed, completely destroying the way into the village and its beauty, tranguillity and air of mystery.

The Thoroton Society, founded in 1897, is the county's principal historical society. Through lectures, excursions and publications, it seeks to promote study of the history, archaeology and antiquities of Nottinghamshire.

Neither has the company made any reference to any further work proposed to determine the archaeological significance of any of the areas on which it proposes to erect panels and other infrastructure.

Consideration of the plans provided by Pegasus to illustrate the "minor amendments" do indeed amply illustrate the incredibly excessive and wholly negative affect this proposal would have on the Conservation village of Halloughton and on its historic landscape.

The minor amendments proposed are risible, as nearly all the other correspondents to the appeal process have indicated. It is to be hoped that the appeal will be dismissed.

Yours sincerely

Barbarz Cast

Barbara Cast

Honorary Secretary, Thoroton Society of Notts

The Thoroton Society is the principal history and archaeology organisation for the whole of Nottinghamshire and Nottingham. Its membership comprises more than four hundred people from all backgrounds including professional and academic historians and archaeologists, and a host of researchers and writers who, altogether, provide an extensive and authoritative knowledge resource on matters to do with the history of our county, city, towns and villages, and its sites of historic and archaeological importance.