



Parish Meeting 2nd September 7pm in the Village Hall

As you will know, there have been two consultations on a proposed solar farm - Great North Road Solar Park.

This development is so large that it is referred to as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project or NSIP, meaning it follows a different planning process to the usual one. NSIPs require a Development Consent Order, which is obtained by submitting an application to the Planning Inspectorate rather than the Local Planning Authority. The Inspectorate consider the submission and make a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State. In this case, it will be Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security who will decide whether or not this development is permitted.

In July the Planning Inspectorate formally accepted the planning application for consideration. All the documents submitted by Elements Green are now available to view on the Planning Inspectorate website.

The next stage will be an opportunity for individuals and organisations to submit comments for consideration.

On **2nd September at 7pm** there will be a **30 minute parish meeting** in the **village hall** to explain the planning procedure, the expected timeframe and how to register and make comment. All are welcome to find out more - whether you support or object to the proposal.

The Parish Council will be considering the application during the September meeting with a view to submitting comments.

Lithium-ion Batteries
<p>The council are supporting the Electrical Safety First campaign to press for legislation to control testing, sale, conversion and disposal of batteries for e-bikes and e-scooters. Until there is legislation, please ensure you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• buy from a reputable dealer• do not adapt your equipment• do not leave batteries unattended whilst on charge• dispose of equipment and batteries responsibly