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Refusal of Planning Permission

Reference: H20-0128-15 **Received:** 12th February 2015 **Type:** FULL

Name: Little Eau Solar Ltd
C/O Be Renewables Limited
Hesketh Mount
92-96 Lord Street
Southport
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Agent: BE Renewables Ltd
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Merseyside (Met County)
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Description: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide 5MWp generation capacity together with transformer stations, internal access track, electricity sub-station, landscaping, fencing, security measures, access gate and ancillary infrastructure

Location : New Fen Dike Sutton St James
Spalding

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that PERMISSION HAS BEEN REFUSED for the development for the following reason(s):

- 1 The proposal would result in a dominant and uncharacteristic form of development, which would introduce a series of uncharacteristic utilitarian structures that are considered to be at odds with the immediate surroundings of the site, which is notable for its flat, open landscape with extensive vistas to level horizons. The visual impact would be particularly unacceptable when viewed from the south of the site approaching on Broad Gate. Furthermore, in conjunction with the previously approved Fendyke Farm Solar Farm scheme to the north of the site, it is considered that there would be an unacceptable cumulative impact upon the wider landscape setting. The aforementioned impacts would be particularly acute in the period until any potential screening (e.g. hedging) is matured, which is likely to extend beyond the short-term. The proposal would, therefore, be in conflict with Paragraph 98 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2012, which highlights that renewable energy proposals should only be approved if its impacts are (or can be made) acceptable.

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The Local Planning Authority has acted positively and proactively in determining this application within the statutory timeframe. However, the issues are so fundamental to the proposal that it has not been possible to negotiate a satisfactory solution and due to the harm which has been clearly identified within the reason for the refusal, approval has not been possible.

Copies of all documentation submitted in connection with this application can be viewed online at www.sholland.gov.uk/doitonline/plandev/plansearch.aspx

Note(s):

The determined plans are:

Environmental Report received on 9th April 2015.

Dwgs: 1495.j/D001 (indicative), 1060619-001-001C, Site Layout Plan (Appendix 2) and Access Track Elevations (Appendix 11),



Paul Jackson
Place Manager

11th September 2015

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This decision refers only to that required for the purposes of the Town and Country Planning Acts and not for Building Regulations or any other legislation.