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To the Planning Inspectorate

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11

Application by Elements Green Trent Ltd (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Great North Road Solar Park (the Proposed Development)

Scoping Opinion: Consultee Sutton on Trent Parish Council

Sutton on Trent Parish Council would like to see the following areas included within the proposed Scoping Report;

1. Loss of productive Agricultural land and crop production. If appropriate, where grazing proposed, demonstrate a lack of grazing and subsequent need for additional grazing land within the local authority
2. Flooding, Drainage & hydrology with particular attention to the implications on surrounding villages, especially those lower lying to the proposed developments sites which are already impacted by flooding.

This to include the effects of concentrated run off from solar panels, considering soil type and to also inc. how permeable the land is to high volume rain fall when the land is already saturated, as per recent floods events.

At the appropriate point in the planning process flood modelling should be included to consider already overwhelmed capacities within surrounding villages, internal drainage systems and pumping stations. This to include a detailed review of water flow direction/capacities, not just within a few Kilometres of the site, but the full distance until water meets the River Trent or equivalent main stem river to clarify which

Parishes and villages will be impacted by the run off from the proposed development sites. This can then be fully considered in parallel with which of these localities already suffer from flooding. Within this the implication of where any proposed attenuation is breached. No additional capacity of water should be accepted given the flooding within the various Parishes.

Sutton on Trent once again flooded during the recent heavy rainfall and has a history of repeated flooding. Much of the land surrounding the village, outside of its Parish, and drainage networks of other villages/Parishes ultimately flows down in to Sutton on Trent. The internal drainage network of Sutton on Trent and the pumping station within Sutton on Trent (which has recently been upgraded) are already unable to cope with current high volume rainfall events. No additional capacity of water whatsoever can be accommodated.

3. Landscape & Visual Impact to cover an appropriate visual distance taking account of the land topography and significant distances of which the proposed development sites will be visible
4. Traffic & Access including vehicular, pedestrian, cyclists, horse riders and alike
5. Glint & Glare taking account of the land topography and significant distances of which the proposed development sites will be visible
6. Noise & Vibration, in particular for the construction process
7. Socio-Economic, Tourism and Recreation – What are the benefits
8. Ecology, Ornithology and Biodiversity
9. Cultural Heritage and Archaeology
10. Human Health
11. Waste
12. Climate Change

The Council submits the above for consideration.

Sutton-on-Trent Parish Council
6th December 2023