

Take action if you don't want prime agricultural land consumed by a sea of solar panels



Whilst Oil Mill Lane Residents Association (OMLRA) support East Devon District Council in their REFUSAL of this application and in defending the appeal OMLRA raise a number of further serious concerns and objections which can be summarised as follows:-

- The unjustified loss of best and most versatile (Grade 3a) land (as well as Grade 2)
- Harm to heritage assets, individually and cumulatively
- Landscape harm
- Harm to local tourism based businesses
- A failure to consider cumulative impacts of this and other significant and extensive developments in the immediate vicinity.

A Hearing to consider the appeal has been arranged to take place on 9 June 2015 and will commence at **10.00am in the Aylesbeare Village Hall, Village Way, Aylesbeare, Exeter EX5 2BS**. The Hearing is scheduled to be heard for the duration of two days.

The Inspector currently appointed to determine the appeal is A. Jordan BA(Hons) MRTPI.

You are invited to attend and if you wish to speak you should tell the Inspector at the start of the Hearing.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPEAL BY: Solstice Renewables Limited

APPEAL REF: APP/U1105/W/15/3007994

PROPOSAL: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with power inverter systems; transformer stations; internal access tracks; landscaping; CCTV; security fencing and associated access gate

LOCATION: Land Surrounding Walnut Cottages, Oil Mill Lane, Clyst St Mary

The Appeal is made by Solstice Renewables Ltd. against the decision of East Devon District Council (EDDC) to **REJECT** the application. This is the **ORIGINAL** application for the largest site covering some 48 acres of High Quality Agricultural land (Grades 2 and 3a). The subsequent application for a reduced scale site has been temporarily held in abeyance by EDDC in the light of the most recent Ministerial Statements requiring “the most compelling evidence” for Planners to recommend a solar development on high grade farmland.

Oil Mill Lane Residents Association (OMLRA) was created in 2002 by the residents of Oil Mill Lane and those living in all lanes leading from Oil Mill Lane. It represents circa 100 residents in 56 households.

The aims and objectives of the Association are to protect and conserve the rural integrity of the environment in which the residents live. The Association involves itself in local planning, environment and management issues with the sole aim of caring for our rural area.

The Association meets regularly as a full membership and also as a committee, with an annual General Meeting to nominate and vote in the committee members, and other positions of responsibility.

Yours faithfully

John Barbara - Co-Chair

Chris Booker - Member

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