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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing as someone who both lives in and loves Lyddington and as a walker enjoying the surrounding area. I am therefore horrified by the proposed areas for solar panels and turbines that could potentially surround this beautiful area.

Not only would it degrade the lives of Lyddington residents but also the attraction of Rutland as a tourist destination.

I am aware that "The national policy statement for renewable energy infrastructure advises that solar farms should be sited on previously developed and non-agricultural land".

A further concern is that the proposed wind turbines and solar panels are close to the Eye brook Reservoir which is a 201.3-hectare reservoir and biological Site of Special Scientific Interest. The reservoir is an important site for wintering wildfowl, such as wigeon, teal, mallard and pochard. Other habitats are marsh, mudflats, grassland, broad-leaved woodland and plantations. Other species reported from the reservoir include osprey, smew, dunlin and European golden plover. In passage periods scarcer species can be attracted to the reservoir's shores and these regularly include curlew sandpiper, ruff and spotted redshank among the expected waders.

So, it could be disastrous with turbines affecting migration paths and the likelihood that some may mistake the solar panels for a lake.

This is an area of particularly attractive and peaceful countryside and I would ask you to seriously consider alternative sites to produce green energy, where the impact on nature, wildlife and people's enjoyment of both, would not be so disastrous

Yours Faithfully

James and Rosalind Horton