

## ECOPOWER Proposed Solar Farm North of Gislingham

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Points raised by residents of Gislingham and Gislingham Parish Council

Exactly how big is this farm going to be

Impact on landscape --- decimated

Impact on Land probably good over the next 10 years but this is grade 2/3 farming land that has had its use changed for the sake of cleaner energy

What is the cost to Gislingham

Landscape destroyed

Animal natural habit for deer etc – should be protected to the fullest extent possible, and should form part of any proposal being put forward

The Solar farm will be an eyesore for the people of Gislingham and the surrounding villages

Financial benefit for residents I understand that around £ 11000 was given to Palgrave by way of compensation, Palgrave is substantially smaller than Gislingham so we calculate that a figure in excess of £ 100,000 minimum would be more appropriate, and this could be divided by the Parish Council amongst residents homes if for nothing other than inconvenience

As an alternative we were advised that this solar farm has the ability to provide electricity for up to 75000 homes, perhaps ECOPOWER should give serious consideration for free power for a set period to the 1100 residents of Gislingham,

There is major concern that the building of this solar farm will take place at the same time as the new Electricity pylons are being installed.

We live in an area dominated by B roads and the transportation of pylons and panels are not best suited to the narrow, often single-track roads around Gislingham and Burgate, is there an alternative proposal for transporting these goods and dealing with the potential for grid lock in this are for whatever period of time this project will take if approved.

We would be grateful if you proposed consultation could address these issues and concerns in order that we can report back to our residents.

We would stress that we are not against cleaner energy and the suggested cost saving to households, providing it offers a benefit for all, but in the first instance it cannot be allowed to alter our landscape nor have a lasting negative effect on our farmland and the communities it supports .

We look forward to hearing from you in order that we may report back to our very concerned residents

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