

17<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The Planning Inspectorate,  
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By email only

Dear Alison,

**APP/Y2430/W/24/3340258 - Fields OS 6700 6722 And 5200, Muston Lane, Easthorpe.**

I write following receipt of correspondence from the Appellant, dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024, which seeks clarification on certain matters contained within the Local Authority's Statement of Case, which was submitted to PINS on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The below seeks to address each point raised in turn.

1. Reason for Refusal 4:

To confirm, the three scheduled monuments include:

- Moated grange with fishpond at Muston (1009175)
- Shifted medieval village earthworks and moat at Easthorpe (1009195)
- Muston village cross, 70m east of Mountain Ash Farm (1017495)

And the Grade II\* buildings would be:

- Church of St John The Baptist (Muston) 1360899
- Village Cross, The Green (Muston) 1075068

2. The reasons for refusal include the Grade I Listed Church of St Mary in Bottesford in addition to the other heritage assets specifically mentioned in the decision notice.

As the Appellant notes, Reason for Refusal 4 includes a "not limited" aspect. The relationship of the Grade I Church at Bottesford with Belvoir Castle is an important consideration, as acknowledged by Historic England (08.06.22), and the ability to appreciate the relationship may be harmed by the solar farm taking up a substantial amount of the landscape between the two assets, clearly altering the rural setting in which the church and its spire can be appreciated and experienced from the south, and affecting the visual relationship between these two Grade I listed buildings.

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### 3. Evidence regarding Glint and Glare

The glint and glare aspect of the proposed development may affect the experience of the Grade I listed Belvoir Castle in its setting by looking out from it and its associated gardens and Conservation Area towards the proposed solar farm, as well as/or from a location in which the observer would be experiencing the castle in the landscape, with the solar farm also intruding into that viewshed and therefore introducing a distraction and eroding the historic and rural setting of the castle and RPG.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bond', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Peter Bond  
Director  
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