

# Solar Farm Construction Traffic

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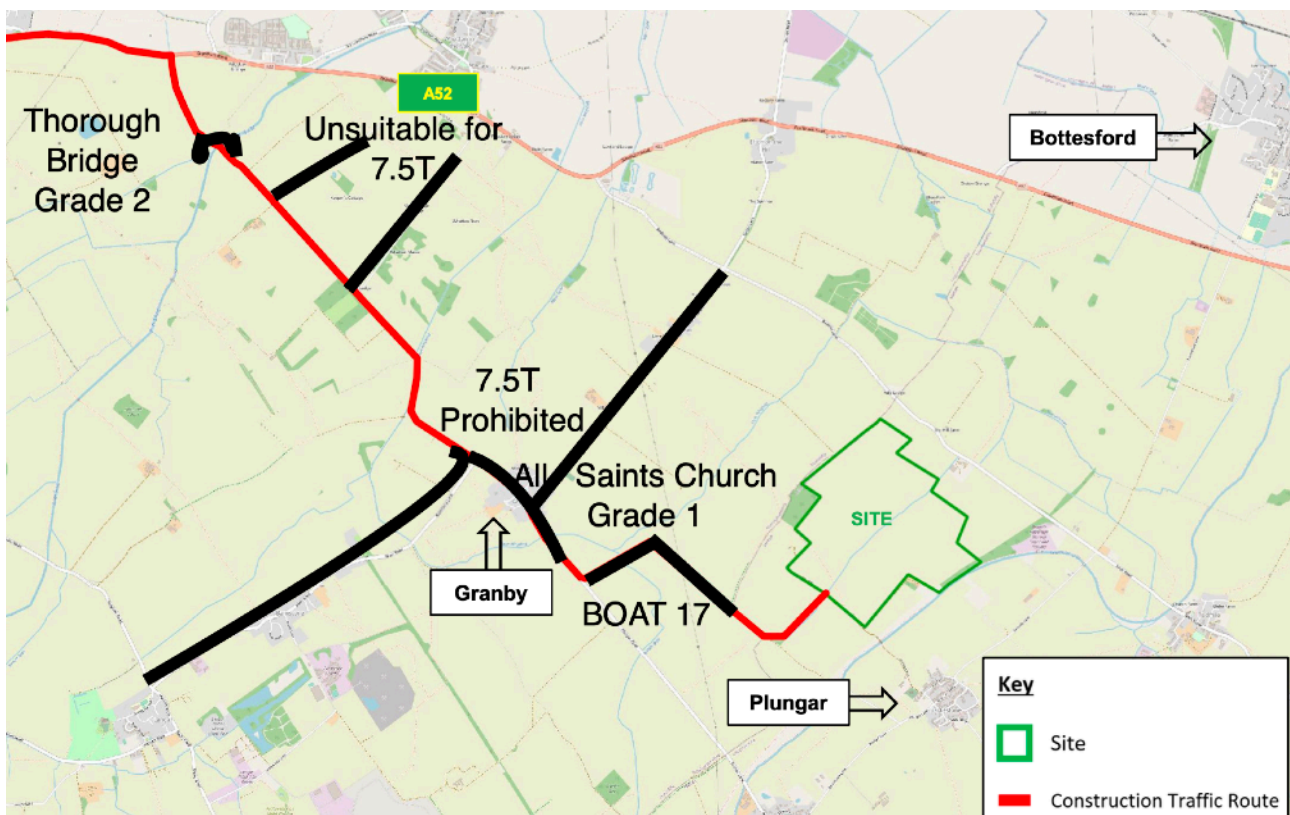
This directly affects every household in Granby especially those facing Main Street and Plungar Road

### Planning Application 20/01182/FUL

**20/01182/FUL | Installation of a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels with a net installed generating capacity (AC) of up to 49.9MW, including mounting system, battery storage units, inverters, underground cabling, stock proof fence, CCTV, internal tracks and associated infrastructure, landscaping and environmental enhancements for a temporary period of 40 years and a permanent grid connection hub. | Land East Of Jericho Covert Jericho Lane Barkestone Le Vale.**

Granby cum Sutton Parish Council became aware of this project in mid July 2020 followed by a virtual meeting in mid August where your Parish Council along with Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile Parish Councilors were made aware of the outline plan to install solar panels on land near Jericho Lane in Leicestershire. We raised objections to the outline proposal that construction traffic would pass through Granby. Despite our detailed objections and a recent virtual public display at the Barkestone Hub, Savills, on behalf of the Belvoir Estate have submitted an unchanged planning application to the Local Planning Authority at Melton Mowbray.

The applicants chosen route is shown below and our objections are shown overleaf.



The application and supporting documents are on the Melton Borough Planning website, reference 20/01182/FUL or type 'Barkestone' into their search box to find it. Click through the "Make a comment" box to object online or write to 'The Planning Department, Melton Borough Council, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 1GH' or telephone 01664 502502 before the application is decided. **DO IT NOW!** Remember that Granby is a Conservation Village within a weight restricted area.

## Granby cum Sutton Parish Council Objections

The route to and from the construction site in Leicestershire is from the A52 at Granby Lane over 'Thorough Bridge', a mid-18th Century Grade 2 listed structure across the River Smite, up Granby Hill, through Granby, a conservation village which has a 7.5T limit, along Main Street then Plungar Road and out of the village beyond the 7.5T limit before turning onto a track described in the application as 'Flawborough Lane' with a national speed limit of 60mph, but known locally as 'Gypsy Lane', mapped as a Byway Open to All Traffic (Granby BOAT 17) and shown on an Ordnance Survey map published in 1972, scale 1:2,500, as a track. This track (Granby BOAT 17) is the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council to maintain but has been unsafe for walkers, cyclists and horses for many years.

The Transport Plan summarises Heavy Goods Vehicle movements, as 482 deliveries and returns, equating to an average of 16 daily HGV movements using Granby as a rat run into and out of Leicestershire over a six week period. One activity requires 67 x 10m Rigid/ Tipper Trucks each carrying around 15 cubic metres of stone equating to over 20T per delivery which nearly triples the weight restriction limit through Granby. Another activity requires 230 x 16.5m Articulated vehicle movements through the village.

Weight Restriction Orders are used to protect old/weak bridges and rural roads/villages. It is also an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1984 to drive a vehicle through the restricted area where the vehicle exceeds the weight limit imposed unless they are delivering or collecting within the weight restriction. Every misuse of weight restricted lorries will be reported and may be subject to a financial penalty of up to £1,000 for each occasion.

Although Nottinghamshire County Council has been consulted and made no strategic policy comment, we are concerned by the misuse of weight restricted routes by lorries through Granby, which can create serious safety hazards for other road users and pedestrians, in particular children.

**Table showing the movement of Heavy Goods Vehicles during Construction**

Activity	Type of Vehicle	Total Number of Deliveries
Solar Modules & Mounting Structures	16.5m Articulated	115 (230 two-way movements)
Inverters	10m Rigid	10 (20 two-way movements)
DNO Cabinet	12m Rigid	1 (2 two-way movements)
Customer Switchgear	10m Rigid	1 (2 two-way movements)
Access Tracks	34 two-way movements)	67 (134 two-way movements)
Storage Compound	10m Rigid	1 (2 two-way movements)
Other (Cabling, Construction Material, Waste	12m Rigid	45 (90 two-way movements)
General	Front End JCB by Low Loader	1 (2 two-way movements)
	TOTAL	241 deliveries (482 two-way movements)