

**RE: FILLONGLEY SOLAR FARM**  
**PLANNING APPEAL**

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**APPELLANT COSTS UPDATE**

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1. The Appellant maintains the costs application as originally made against North Warwickshire Borough Council.
2. This is a short update following the close of the Inquiry. The costs application was made on the basis that the Planning Committee did not refuse the application for sound planning reasons.
3. The position has not changed. At the Inquiry, the evidence produced by the Council did not make-good on the reason for refusal. The Council's landscape evidence concluded no residual y15 impacts greater than moderate, the same as was concluded in the Committee Report<sup>1</sup>, on the basis of which the Head of Development Management recommended approval. Even before conceding on Green Belt, Mr Weekes' Planning Balance had more weight on the benefits side than the harms.<sup>2</sup> Now there is no Green Belt issue, it is impossible to understand how the Council can continue to maintain the balance comes out against the Scheme. There is not even a standalone landscape reason for refusal in the Decision Notice.
4. The Council's unwavering insistence that permission should be refused is without sound planning justification. It is, as was, unreasonable.

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<sup>1</sup> CD2.2 §§4.19-4.20

<sup>2</sup> CD13.12 --- the same applies to the table in his Proof at §11.21 which does not include all the benefits