

Warbstow Parish - PA23/04306 – Solar Farm - Land North of Canworthy

A Meeting was held with residents on the 11th July at Canworthy Hall, which was packed with standing room only and many objections were raised by those attending. Feelings were running high, particularly about the approach and lack of information provided by the applicants to the local community.

People commented on the absence of the County Councillor, who sent his apology as he had another meeting, everyone felt that he should have been in attendance or asked another County Councillor, the lack of which sends out the wrong vibes.

The Current Solar Farm is over 138 acres 25MW we were led to believe that at the time (2012) it was the largest in the South. This new development is 230 acres 42MW total of 368 acres. With such a large, proposed development every resident within the Canworthy and Warbstow area SHOULD have received a letter from Cornwall Council Planning notifying them of the proposed development and inviting them to comment on the planning portal. Why had this not happened? From the level of heated discussion at the Parish Meeting uninformed residents (many of whom only found out about the application this week, after a leaflet drop to highlight the emergency meeting) These residents need more time to go through the myriad of documents supplied by Pegasus.

The number of heavy goods vehicles estimated to journey from Hallworthy, through Warbstow, Canworthy Water and on to their destination at the proposed Solar Farm is likely to cause major issues with the normal traffic flow. There will be congestion and very likely damage to the road surface which incidentally has recently been repaired. Then there is the narrow bridge at Bridge Park, how will that stand up to this kind of treatment. We take the safety of other road users, pedestrians, children and animals very seriously.

Community Involvement – This has been very hit and miss: -

The Public Consultation 4th May 2022 was held out of Parish in Tresmeer. Canworthy Hall was suggested by the Parish Council, or it could have been held at Warbstow Community Hall, which Pegasus (Project Team) initially tried to book but it was during the school holidays. More flexibility with the date and a venue within the Parish would have allowed more residents to attend.

The Leaflets – Pegasus was made aware on the 4th May that the leaflet drop didn't happen, residents within proximity of the proposed site did not receive these, this should have been recorded in their report, people are still unaware of what is happening.

Pegasus has shown complete contempt towards not only the Parish Council but also members of the public, not a single email has been responded to.

Collaborative Benefits –

Warbstow Parish Council held a meeting with the Pegasus and Client Team after the Public Consultation had closed. Where we spoke about our concerns regarding the development and raised several points, including the community benefits (compensation) for Warbstow,

Jacobstow Week St Mary and North Petherwin (parishes that Pegasus were not aware of at the time) The Council were asked to send all their comments altogether via email, which was done on the 19th May **2022**. We received no reply only an acknowledgement of the email. The next correspondence was a 26th May **2023** to inform the PC that the application had been submitted to Cornwall Council. So completely lacking in co-operation with the Parish(s).

Planning Application –

The planning application includes a lot of images of `Typical` designs for the sub station, CCTV, fencing etc. Surely they should be supplying images and plans of `Actual` designs otherwise anything could be erected under the heading of `Typical`.

Due to the high volume of documents more time is required to discuss and review all the information. Also, a meeting needs to be co-ordinated with Warbstow, the other Parishes, Cornwall Council by Windel Solar. There has been no engagement process, no record of any offer or negotiation since the Warbstow Parish arranged to meet back in May **2022**.