



Stowe by Chartley Parish Council

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Delivered by email to Richard Wilshaw on rwilshaw@staffordbc.gov.uk and planning@staffordbc.gov.uk

Dear Mr Wilshaw,

Planning Application 25/40571/FUL - Yew Tree Farm

We note from the above application that the published address is shown as "Grindley". We believe that this is incorrect and should read "Drointon". The application for a Solar Panel Farm at Lower Farm, Drointon (Ref. 23/36938/FUL) has already been passed by the Government Inspector, and this would mean in the region of 80% of the hamlet of Drointon would be under solar panels.

There are two possible explanations for the incorrect address: the first is that it is a genuine error, but it seems to stretch belief that the applicants are unaware of their proper address.

The second explanation is that the error is calculated to deceive. It is highly likely that the developers are aware of the Government Paper: "*Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (2018 to 2021) and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities*" which states that "cumulative impacts require particular attention, especially the increasing impact that wind turbines and large-scale solar farms can have on landscape and local amenity as the number of turbines and solar arrays in an area increases".

This planning application, if granted, would "swamp" the hamlet of Drointon – a huge cumulative effect. Changing the stated location would appear to be a technique to avoid immediate association with the exiting agreed plan.

Stowe by Chartley Parish Council therefore, draw your attention to this error and ask that you publish the correction prominently on the SBC planning website and to ensure that this error is rectified as soon as possible, to avoid any further confusion for parishioners?

We would welcome a reply to our request as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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