**INGESTRE & TIXALL NEWS**

July 2023

INGESTRE WITH TIXALL PARISH COUNCIL

SPECIAL EDITION

**PARISH NEWS**

A Planning Application has been received by the Parish Council, of which the details are as follows:

**Planning Application: 23/37621/FUL** at Land North of Lower Hanyards Farm, Hanyards Lane, Tixall. The proposed development is described as: **Installation of a 49.5MW Solar Energy Scheme,** consisting of non-reflective photovoltaic (PV) solar panels and associated infrastructure including sub-station, containers for transformers & Inverters, CCTV, access tracks, landscape & ecological enhancements and means of access.

The Parish Council held an extra ordinary meeting on 19.7.2023 to discuss this and voted, unanimously, to oppose the application. We will be preparing our submission to the planning authority over the coming weeks, which will contain details relating to:

* **Proposed size of development: 62-hectare site = approx. 78 football pitches!**
* **Use of farmland**
* **Explore use of alternative sites, e.g. brownfield/warehouse rooftops**
* **Potential for increased crime in rural communities**
* **Reflective glare of panels**
* **Rural location/property depreciation**
* **Inefficient technology**
* **Effect on environment**
* **Access to national grid**
* **Panels contain toxic elements that cannot be recycled**
* **49.5MW scheme means decision made by local authority, over 50MW decision determined by Secretary of State**
* **Noise produced by generators**
* **Potential for cumulative applications**
* **Increased HGV traffic during construction/decommissioning**

If you wish to find out more details then please visit [www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/planning-public-access) and use the reference number quoted above to search the information. Your comments need to be submitted **by no later than 2 August 2023,** comments received after this date will not be considered.

If we work together then we may be able to stop this application being approved, therefore, if you wish to protect the rural village and stop the arrival of solar farms, then please take the time to research the impact and seek to understand that there is a lot of misinformation in circulation and comments offered by companies that they will ‘Save the planet’ are often misleading and do need further investigation.

**Parish Council website** – updated information will be added to the Parish website, when it is available, so please keep an eye out for this: <https://www.ingestrewithtixallparishcouncil.co.uk>