My Dear Edward, I know that you will be well aware of all the major planning issues lurking in the murky waters ahead, but I just wanted to stress again the angst that is building in my ward over several major issues.

The Solar Farm proposed for Essendine - Mallard Passwhich without doubt would be a monumental blot on our rural landscape and bring huge highways problems during construction. As it has been deemed a National Infrastructure project, It remains outside your jurisdiction but any help around the margins will be of great help.

Stamford North, including Quarry Farm, in all its majesty requires very close attention from SKDC and RCC to make sure that the considerable Highways, Medical, Education and Infrastructure issues are agreed and addressed in the round and, in particular, the vital improvements and access to the A1 junctions.

The proposed development of 49 houses north of College Close in Great Casterton would be well beyond the sustainable acceptability to the village and there is a vigorous tsunami of universal opinion against it - and I have attended two recent packed halls to witness at first hand the disquiet that abounds.

Equally, in Ryhall, the proposal to extend the village by a similar sized development of some 63 houses beyond Meadow Lane towards Stamford is raising disgruntled steam at speed.

Of note, both Gt Casterton and Ryhall have supported recent smaller new enclaves which have been sensible and

in-keeping with the village aspects and sustainability - so they understand the need for well thought development and housing requirements.

Not least, all of my larger villages- Essendine, Ryhall, Belmesthorpe, Gt Casterton and Little Casterton have experienced at firsthand the increasing flow of traffic that passes from the Eastern expansions towards the A1 and beyond to the Midlands.

I know that you, as a seasoned Planner, will have all these facts on your radar but I just wanted to refresh your screen as to the feeling of our tax payers is building.

Very warmest wishes,

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