

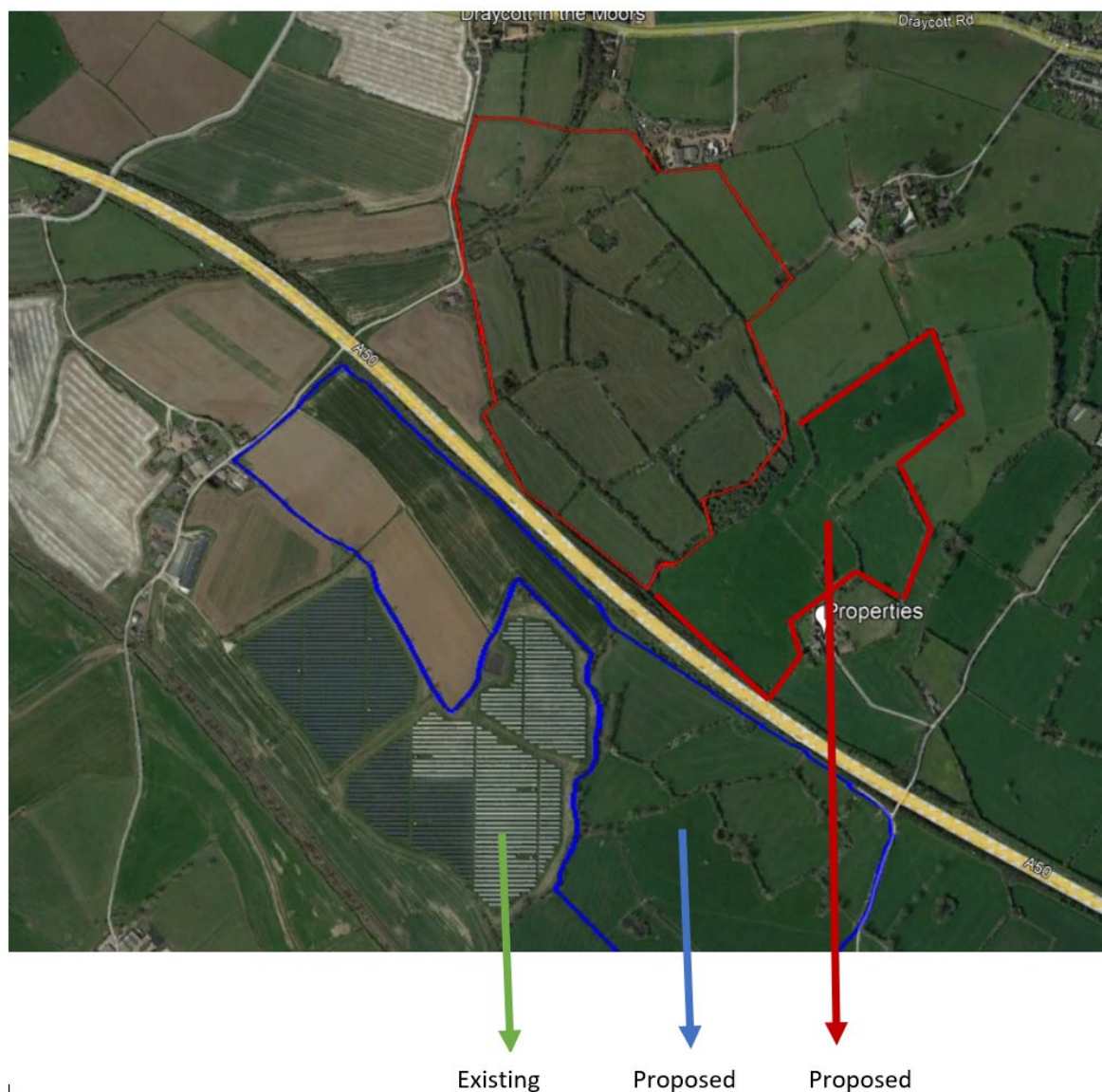
Formal Objection of Proposed Development SMDC/2022/0343 Totmonslow Farm, Draycot Road

In response to the email received from Arne Swithenbank on 22/12/22 regarding the new and/or revised/updated submissions from the applicant. Please find below my concerns and objections to the proposed development

Inefficiency of design

There is still no response on why the scheme design is so inefficient. In comparison to the other development (Blythe Farm) 28mega watt over 42 hectares, the proposed development is only projecting 15mega watts over 36.7 hectares. A more efficient design would not need such aggressive development to gain a better return.

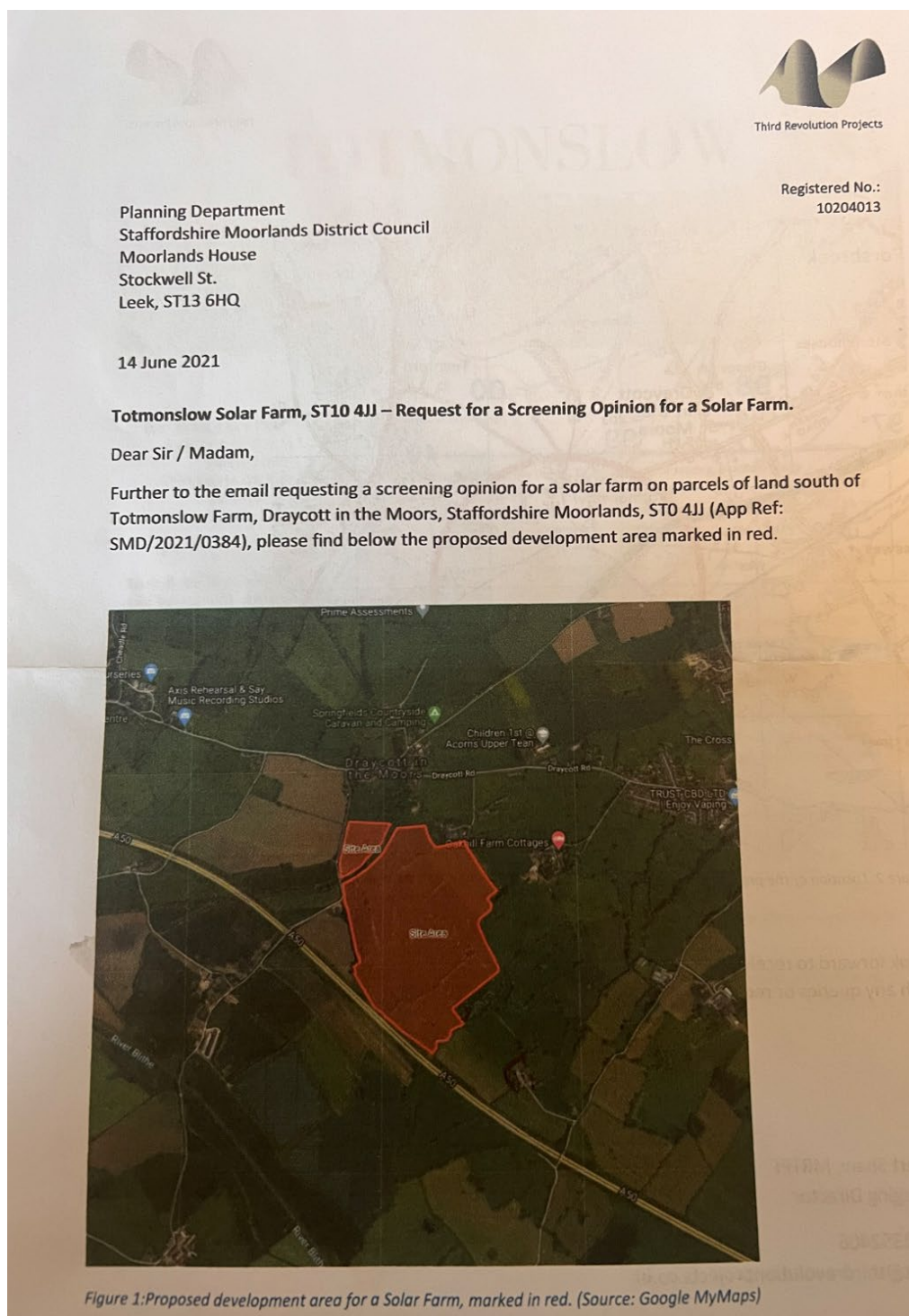
In addition, we are yet to understand SMDCs approach to assessing the accumulative impact that combines the current solar farm, in addition to the two proposed and the effect this has on the local area that significantly changes the landscape.



If the government are determined to utilise this volume of farming ground (in a condensed area) for renewable energy, as part of a long-term strategic initiative, why have they not considered serving a compulsory purchase order, if they believe that solar energy has a compelling case in the public interest.

Screening

We are still unclear on why the proposal is significantly larger than the initial screen conducted (requested on 14th June 2021) that directly impacts neighbouring properties and their boundary lines



Bribery

Finally, during a visit from Lee Hyland, Land Acquisition Manager at RE Projects Development Limited (REPD), we were informed that he could offer us 'a sweetener' from the landowner by resurfacing our lane if we were to 'change our minds' and support the development. This offer was given to the owners of Highfields Farm, The Old Barn and Horseshoe Barn. Please can you provide SMDCs policy on bribery and corruption by applicants during the planning and consultation stage we are extremely uncomfortable with the inappropriate nature of this offer.