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Dear Hefin,

Please find enclosed :

**Open Floor Meeting : Topic for 22nd July**  
**Impact on local residents**  
**GREAT representing the villagers**

Thank you very much,

Best wishes

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## **Open Floor Meeting : Topic for 22nd July**

### **Impact on local residents**

#### **GREAT representing the villagers**

I have been asked to state the concerns the villagers have in respect of their quality of life should this development be approved.

The main reason I have been asked to do this is because the villagers have raised questions about the proposed development in the community consultations and not received a satisfactory response from the developers – or not received an answer at all.

In an earlier session, I highlighted that a request for an assessment of the impact on the people themselves was carried out and although this was promised – it never materialised. In the light of the requirement for the Secretary of State to consider the potential for the development to discriminate based on certain protective characteristics under the public sector equality duty – the developers have taken the initiative to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment on what is referred to as relevant receptors – this does seem to be a rather disrespectful reference to the people of Graveney.

In order to successfully complete such assessment, it is necessary to know and understand the make up of the local population ; knowledge which could have resulted from effective community liaison. However, the approach of the developers and their constant intimation of this development receiving automatic acceptance by virtue of it being a nationally significant infrastructure project, has largely prevented this.

Graveney as a coastal village is not unique , however it does have a significant proportion of retired residents with around **100** living next to the main Seasalter Road, including Vinson Close – a very high number considering that this stretch of road is about 1 mile long.

The primary school is also on this stretch of road and the 100 or so children will be hindered in their learning by the traffic noise,

vibration, dirt and pollution . School staff have made it clear that this will have a negative effect on the ability of young people to concentrate and therefore learn.

Villagers come to live in Graveney because this area is known to be very quiet, is close to the sea and has open countryside. It has long been accepted that the countryside makes an important contribution to people's lives and leisure opportunities.

Having access to nature and the countryside promotes well-being, both physical and mental --- I will not refer to this as we have a speaker who is much more qualified than me to do so.

This proposed development would completely and permanently change the character and enjoyment of this area.

Some of the villagers compare the approach to this development as akin to a robbery === it is as if thieves are to make off with most of the assets in their houses and then comment that the householder should be grateful because they did not take everything.

This development raids what is inherently a part of this community, it robs walkers of a natural Saxon Shore Way, takes away the landscape completely, it steals opportunities for promoting leisure and health, deprives everyone of the heritage in the village and says that we should be lucky because some of the land has been left for some of the birds.

A number of times reference has been made to the millions being spent by the developers, however this and the fact that this is a nationally significant infrastructure project does not give an automatic right to development.

An NSIP cannot proceed without a proper consideration of all relevant matters involved – including people --- because otherwise one completely devalues this process and it is treated as yet another tick box exercise.

Building a solar park in Graveney would no doubt be very profitable for the developers but it would come at an unreasonably high cost and price to pay for all the villagers, their health and well-being, the wildlife, landscape, heritage and countryside.

Thank you