Dear Hefin,

Please find attached a submission on behalf of GREAT highlighting contradictory information provided by the Applicant concerning the amount of arable land that will be left undeveloped.

Kind regards,

Marie
3 October 2019

National Infrastructure Planning
Cleve Hill Solar Park

BY EMAIL

Deadline 6 – Area of arable land to be developed

Dear Hefin,

On behalf of GREAT I would like to make the following observations concerning the Applicant’s assessment of the amount of land that is currently under arable cultivation that will be beneath solar panels.

- In CHSP’s Written Summaries of Oral Submissions Open Floor Hearing 3 (September 2019, Revision A, Document Reference: 13.1.1, Submitted Deadline 5), they state that “Less than half of the land currently under arable cultivation will be beneath solar panels.” This suggests that more than half of the land will NOT be beneath solar panels.

- In the Applicant’s Comments on Responses to the EXA’s Second Written Questions - EXQ2 (September 2019, Revision A, Document Reference: 13.3.1) they state that “At a landscape scale, the arable baseline currently occupies approximately 390 hectares in extent, within part of which, the solar arrays will be developed. 22.5% of this currently arable area that comprises the AR HMA and LGM HMA will remain undeveloped with no solar panels or infrastructure.”

These two statements appear to contradict each other and we would like confirmation from the Applicant of the correct numbers please.

Regards,

Marie King
On behalf of GREAT
Graveney Rural Environment Action Team