I write as a concerned local citizen. I offer five brief key concerns

1  Industrial use of tidal zone. The rise in sea level is inevitable. To protect coastal communities over the next decades we must permit natural reclamation of the marshes by the sea. Costs of failing to do this will vastly outweigh benefits of the solar power scheme. Very dangerous short term thinking

2  Battery/Storage element. Deep concerns at lack of convincing evidence of impact and inability of community to respond, let alone fund, any significant malfunction

3  Construction  Degradation of local infrastructure is very understated by applicants. For example, broken roads are very expensive to rebuild, damage does not show immediately. Many negative impacts from traffic, heavy equipment etc. Local community will pick up the bill over time. Costs of reinstatement of the area not credible

4  Economic case for need for land based solar at this site, in this time frame, is far from proven. I write as a citizen with an academic background in economics and as a professional with experience of major public/private infrastructure projects

5  Procedural inadequacies. Systemic bias in favour of applicants by Inspectorate members and government and against local communities and non business interests

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