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I wish to repeat my objection to the development of a Solar Park at Cleve Hill with the addition of further points.

a) Well of course we all wish to save the planet and providing more of our energy needs using solar power is undoubtedly a step in the right direction. But we do need to be selective as to where we site our new wonderful solar farms - it sounds so cosy and rural - a farm. This one is going to destroy a huge expanse of wilderness, wetland, a bird breeding sanctuary, basically the kind of place we ought be fighting to preserve. Why save the planet by destroying the very places we treasure.

What is wrong with utilising some of the endless cabbage fields out in Thanet? Here the story gets murky - the 'array' built around 12 years ago had its landfall substation sited - at Cleve Hill despite many objections at the time. I seem to remember that we were promised that no further enlargement or development would take place at the Cleve Hill site. Any objections were overruled by the chair - our 'local wishes were ignored of course.

The chair who made this ruling is - horrorshow - the man in charge of this inquiry. Talk about a setup, do you wonder why people are so cynical?!

Money talks - it would cost the solar company a lot more money to develop a new site so let's ignore the fact that this area is beautiful, special, wild, full of nature as it should be, let's just save money and destroy it - whilst waving our green credentials flag, saving the planet with green energy and ignoring any inconvenient alternative truths.

I haven't even mentioned that this electrical installation is going to be built on a flood zone! I foolishly thought that was considered inadvisable, if not a little crazy. But the wiser folk think they can make it safe - the largest installation of li-ion batteries in the world in a flood zone. Has the world gone mad. Not to mention the potential poisonous gas leaks, and problems with the future disposal of chemicals relating to their maintenance.

Not to mention the fire hazard - yes these battery installations often catch fire - and release toxic fumes as a result. Are we giving the local primary school (only 6 secs away as the wind blows) gas masks. I hope some training as to their deployment and use will be included in the costing for this horrendous project.

Find a better place, don't destroy nature whilst pretending to save it!

An angry and disillusioned local who has walked the coastal path between Faversham and Whitstable many, many, many times. Have you ever made the effort?

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