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Dear Inspector

I am writing register my concerns for the proposed solar park at Cleve Hill. I don't deny there is a need for clean energy but I don't think it should be at the cost of an important area of wildlife habitat. It should be mandatory of any new build housing and utilise brownfield sites not suitable for housing.

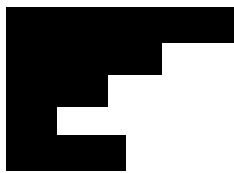
Graveney marshes may not be considered an national area of outstanding natural beauty but it is a valuable wildlife landscape, providing a connection the surrounding nature conservation areas. The plan to have one small corner of the development set aside for wildlife is not sufficient to sustain the thousands of migratory birds that visit each year, the numerous breeds of ground nesting birds that use this area for nesting and feeding. To allow this proposal to go ahead would be catastrophic for this habitat especially in a time when we are all encouraged to do the best for natural world around us.

Being a neighbouring farmer I also find the claim from the developers that it is being built on unproductive farmland ridiculous. The current farm enterprise has managed to to grow arable crops on the land every single year they have owned it. To them it may not necessarily be profitable and only grade 3 land but to say it is unproductive would be wrong. When you consider the benefit to the wildlife around there is and the current environmental schemes available to counteract the poor profitability providing a wildlife habitat this could be considered a very productive area both for the wider community and the landowner himself.

I do hope that common sense prevails on this decision and that the site is denied in favour of small scale sites and domestic solar projects.

Kind Regards

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Sent from my iPhone