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Dear Planning Inspectorates,

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In response to the chairman Mr Graham Keene mentioning, at the end of the Bedford Lodge meeting on 26th July 2022, that the panel has not come to a definitive view yet regards whether 'food security and land usage implications' should form part of the examination process and thought he would put it out there, for comments.

Accordingly my comments are as follows.

With the UK's growing population, the culmination of using our arable land resource for other than growing food, is reducing the UK's food security.

Without solar, the UK's advancement in other types of energy production, including the potential of wave technology, far outstrips its advancement of alternative methods of food production.

With climate change, the difficulties and increasing costs of obtaining food from around the world and the UK's determination to become carbon neutral by 2050, its food security becomes more relevant as each day passes, the challenges with how arable land is used in the future, has become equally, if not more relevant than during WW2 and post recovery period, when food rationing and Dig for Victory were introduced, because there was insufficient food for the nation to survive!

For these reasons, 'food security and land usage implications' should form part of the PI's examination process.

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