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In regards to the latest submission by Sunnica I cannot agree with their summarily dismissive approach to the questions. They offer no new input and backtrack round to their original views. The view that around 96% of the land is poor quality defies belief. I speak from having previously farmed 330 acres immediately adjacent to the Isleham proposal in the 1970s & 80s. Whilst there are patches of poor sandy land, the vast majority gives good yields and impressive returns when farmed well, particularly now after the addition of irrigation and reservoirs.

Then I come to the dismissive approach to safety regarding hazardous materials in the battery storage units. Claiming that because it hasn't been done on other sites does not set a precedence or give evidence of best practice. Certainly given the size of these storage systems, additional investigation and a thorough safety plan should be developed. The plan should contain local emergency services agreement to a worst case fire and its likely impact on the locality and risk to residents. Full plans should contain the proposed escalation procedures for evacuation in the event of toxic fumes and a comprehensive relocation and living arrangements for those affected. Automatic compensation should be of course, a given and well documented.

We all know we need green energy but basic human needs of food come way higher and food security is way more important than green energy. The UK is already dangerously short of home production and utilisation of huge areas of farm land for solar panels is short sighted profiteering that brings near zero benefit to those affected by it being imposed in their locality. If there is ever bare shelves in supermarkets, what government can defend giving permission to take farm land out of production.

Finally, there is still no defined and ring fenced plan for financing the decommissioning of this should it go ahead. Sunnica can simply fold the company and walk away leaving the UK taxpayers to pay having taken their 20+years of profit out of the country.

Regards

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