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Re the request for updates on mitigations for landscape and visual impacts

Whilst the submissions from Pinsent Masons and Tom Edwards for ARUP provides several updates and examples of mitigations undertaken to date, these do not provide much comfort to those who live in the environs of this Industrial Project.

Glint and Glare: The data taken from the US Federal Aviation Administration which is cited by Pinsent Masons compares the reflectivity of materials and structures which are either horizontal (water) or multi/micro faceted (soil /vegetation). The perceived glint and glare of angled large, uniform reflective surfaces of solar panels cannot be measured against the dissipated, horizontal surfaces against which it is compared. The pitch means that they are bound to reflect the very light that they are designed to face.

ARUP report 1.3.2

I am sure very few residents who will be directly affected have ever remembered being involved in any survey that asked them to consider whether their surrounding landscape was 'valued'. Who decides on these qualitative judgements? How is evidence for what we 'value' gathered. This is not a collaborative process. Had we known that our landscape would be under threat if we didn't declare how much we valued it (how/ where?), we would certainly have registered our esteem and love for it.

ARUP report 1.3.3 "It should also be remembered that well-designed new development can make a positive contribution to the landscape and need not always be hidden or screened".

A well designed new development? Is this an appropriate description for an industrial site with 10metre high sub-stations, 6 metre high BESS – 100s of thousands of concrete plinths with shining industrial panels?

I think even Richard Rogers would struggle to make that look like it was making a 'positive contribution to the landscape'.

A more inappropriate and insensitive argument would be hard to find.

English Nature : Stone Curlews

Still no draft evidence document....

Enough said

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