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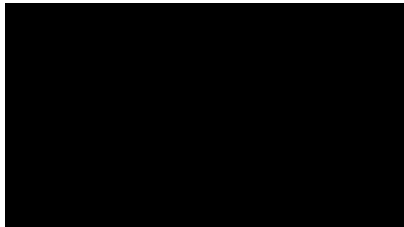
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Hi team,

Please log for TO response.

Thanks,



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**From:** Homan, Linda [\[REDACTED\]@aru.ac.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@aru.ac.uk)>  
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**Subject:** Food Security

Dear Claire,

Thank you for acknowledging my emails.

I would like to bring your attention to the Prime Ministers commitment to UK food security announced yesterday, and to highlight the need for the valuable farm land which the

Sunnica solar scheme will reduce by over 3000 acres.

The Prime Minister announced yesterday: " a new focus on food security on Tuesday, responding to criticism from farmers that agriculture is being not given the same strategic importance as energy and the environment. He said that "Food security is a vital part of our national security and recent years have brought home the truth of that," Sunak told the National Farmers' Union (NFU) conference, noting Russia's invasion of Ukraine two years ago prompted a surge in food and energy prices. (See: <https://www.reuters.com/world/uk/britains-sunak-vows-focus-food-security-speech-farmers-2024-02-20/>)

Also, please note responses in the Governments response to the Food Security Report 2023 (see:

<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/42143/documents/209478/default/> ) that states that as in the Agriculture Act 2020, the government are required to produce a UK Food Security Report (UKFSR)

at least every three years. So far the first and only report was produced in 2021, meaning **one is due this year**. It is essential therefore that the government evidence food security and production in the UK, especially as shipping and imports are threatened as in the attacks on shipping in the Red Sea. Also, the continued impact on grain imports from Ukraine due to the war, and also, the statement from India that they will prioritise their own food production (see: <file:///C:/Users/linda/Downloads/INSEA2023002-S001.pdf> where this announcement is made: *In July 2023, India, the world's largest rice exporter, introduced a ban on exports of non-basmati white rice citing a late start to seasonal monsoon rains, among other concerns. Additional restrictions on rice exports were introduced in August 2023. Russia also announced a ban on the export of rice and rice groats in July 2023 to maintain price stability in the domestic market (IFPRI, 2023).*)

The Sunnica solar and **many** other large scale solar schemes are planned on valuable agricultural land, when they could be mounted on industrial rooftops, one brown field. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) have identified that there is enough space for more than 250,000 hectares of solar panels on existing commercial roofs or located on brownfield land unsuitable for housing. That's an area almost twice the size of London that could help protect our precious countryside, while producing the low carbon energy we need. (see: <https://www.oldsite.cpre.org.uk/magazine/opinion/item/3689-making-better-use-of-brownfield-land-for-renewable-energy> ) and in 2022 they urged the government to "unleash rooftop solar" (see: <https://www.cpre.org.uk/news/unleash-rooftop-solar-to-tackle-energy-crisis-we-urge-chancellor/>). Last year (2023), they announced UCL Research which identified:

The key findings are:

- Installing solar panels on existing rooftops and other land such as car parks could provide at least 40-50GW in England by 2035.
- In 2050, with further investment, there is potential to generate 117GW of low carbon electricity from roofs and other developed spaces.

Showing that rooftops can provide over half of the solar energy targets.

(See the press release here: <https://www.cpre.org.uk/news/rooftops-can-provide-over-half-our-solar-energy-targets-report-shows/> and the full report documents here: <https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/?res-type=Report>).

**I urge you to protect our countryside and food production and say NO to the Sunnica scheme and other large scale schemes** (the other schemes include: Great North Road Solar Park; 14 major solar farm proposals across Greater Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire (see <https://www.farmersguardian.com/news/4084990/scale-solar-farm-productive-farmland>); Boxted, South Suffolk; and many, many more)

Thank you.

*Best wishes,*

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