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Dated as per date of submission.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed Oaklands Farm Solar Limited application your Ref: EN010122. 'The application includes the construction of an onshore generating station in England with a generating capacity of more than 50MW.'

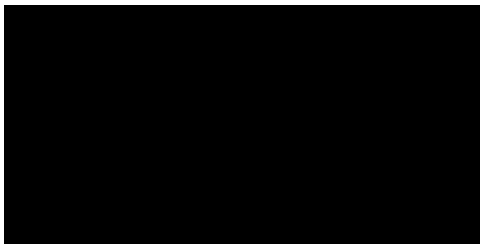
- This is prime agricultural land and exceptionally poor use of greenfield land. National guidance is that the use of good quality agricultural land for large scale solar farms should be avoided. It is particularly concerning that in the context of this proposal there is no benefit at all to the tenant farmers who currently work the land. On the contrary, it is of further concern that the loss of productive acreage could threaten the viability of some of the tenanted farms who may be under pressure from the land agents not to object. None of the benefits from this development will accrue to the area or to the county. Financial beneficiaries will be the developers, the energy company and the landowners who have no links to the area;
- Nearby there are thousands of acres of warehouse development and not a single solar panel in sight. Put solar on rooftops, not agricultural land. The industrial land & warehouses aligning the A38 in the region and would be prime land for this type of development.
- This is a wonderful rural landscape in South Derbyshire and the development would be detrimental to the landscape with so many acres of solar arrays, containers and 3m high fencing with security cameras
- The project would be increasing urbanisation of a rural area with coalescence (merging) of small rural villages. 40 Years is a significant period in people's lives and the development would detract from the landscape character and visual amenity.
- Noise/glare from the development cannot be abated, no matter what is claimed in the application nor can the hum from the inverters making this really an industrial installation.
- Impacts of construction will be huge. During the building of Ambience Linton Village, many HGV's ignored the dedicated routes to the site travelling on the local country lanes. Despite this being reported no action was taken. The local lanes in the area are totally unsuitable for this type of

development and traffic. The 16 month+ construction phase would be unacceptable on our rural road network. These vehicles would all have to travel through local villages on a daily basis as the site is many miles from the A444.

- No routes to the site from the Staffordshire side of the village. The Walton Bypass is not yet built and doesn't look like it will be for years and the A513 Chetwynd bridge has a weight restriction.
- The lanes are very narrow and used a rat runs as the main roads have become overcrowded and this will add to the traffic load, further delays, bottle necks on roads already poorly maintained with large potholes. The local infrastructure cannot take it.
- Most villages and lanes have a 7.5t weight limit for good reason, especially the villages and waiving these for these for such a project should not be considered.
- Our local historic environment of local conservation areas and heritage assets including listed buildings will be affected by the alien industrial development. These projects are known to ruin the local waterflow, leading to increased flooding and the land never being suitable for arable again.

I believe this application should be rejected without any further consideration. It is clearly not the correct location for this type of development, breakings nearly every rule and guideline for this type of development.

Yours faithfully,

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David M Brown