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On the 17th of May 1975 we moved from Stamford to Essendine, we, being my wife Sandra, my young son and two daughters. Sometime earlier we had stopped at the shop on the corner of Manor Farm Lane and noticed a new house build just down the road, a project by a local builder. We had talked of trying to buy a new house planned for the expansion of Ryhall so our children could attend [REDACTED] and grow up in a village community. Our offer was accepted, and we subsequently moved to Rutland as a very excited family and as a couple very concerned about managing financially. Our address [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Never a regret.

I could write pages on the specific enjoyment our children, and grandchildren have had growing up here but will just emphasise that the countryside and its relatively peaceful nature had a major influence on that. Now the thought of the fields being fenced off and the area taking on the look of a prison or secret restricted area fills me with dread and concern that future families will not have the things that has made living here such a positive experience.

I am fully in favour of renewable energy providing our power requirements in all its many forms. The infrastructure to achieve it can be in my back yard provided certain criteria is met, but in particular being appropriate and the ethics employed.

Dr. Christian Becker an expert on sustainability and ethics summarised the sustainability ethic in this statement.

"Acknowledge and seek solutions that respect a systemic and simultaneous moral obligation to

1) contemporary global communities,

2) future generations of human society, and

3) the natural community or environment supporting life and biodiversity on Earth."

This statement can be cited as to just how we have got so many things wrong, simply by not doing it. Are we now going to make further mistakes in a rush to find a solution?

This application is one of many in our area and I believe fails badly in ethical sustainability. With it being pushed by a Chinese company who could be getting the support of a tyrannical political system that strives to control global life in so many ways in an entirely undemocratic process

Utilising much needed agricultural land now and in the future maybe addressing the fuel crisis and its impact on our energy costs, but will we become more dependent on China or their influenced countries for other things of perhaps greater risk, food, and lower cost

technical products to process and manage it. We must keep our existing food independence and preferably enhance it.

Much is said of solar power being the cheapest, if the infrastructure supply system is based on slave labour and denying basic human rights in addition to paying lip service to the global environment issues, then let's have higher costs that result from ethical business. One day the oppressed population will fight back, it has been done before I think! The problems resulting will be far greater than today's east European based misery.

Do not reduce our agriculture industry that has been tax payer supported for a long time in favour of planting PV panels that have numerous unethical aspects to the supply industry.

Moving on from that topic, a bit of a personal aspect,

We had no previous connection with this area, having served 10 years in the Royal Navy, my prime concern was to settle in a pleasant and safe environment, good schools and employment. We have lived in this house for 48 years, I was employed at a local company for 37 years and retired in 2006, I now consider Rutland as my home and proud to live in this beautiful county.

On retirement my [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I came to understand the many difficulties I had endured in life and imposed on my family. Gradually I learnt coping strategies, one that I had already learnt was to take a slightly longer route to work, for many years I drove along Uffington Road, then through Barnack to just opposite Burghley House. That short journey had a very positive effect, I know I did a lot better in employment because of it. The only time that route could not have been enjoyed was during the construction of Ryhall sub-station when the road and grass verges were in a shocking state and sometimes impassable if two or more HGVs were attempting access.

[REDACTED] This solar farm project has already had a bad impact on me, [REDACTED] includes trying to deal with this proposal (and it is not cheap!). I am not sure I will complete this submission as I am forced to experience the mental stress in reading the huge amount of literature and trying to deduce what it means will happen to our community. I attended two of the formal sessions put on by MPSF and came away feeling let down. Most of my questions were answered with "That will be sorted during the project" that meant to me that I could not have that information until the project was approved. One particular bad exchange was with a very arrogant person who displayed a view that the locals would just have to put up with it, I later discovered he was the Windel boss.

I cannot understand why the authorities have accepted such a major proposal from a person with such a terrible business history, so many companies registered, building up huge debts

and then presumably using some accounting loophole to not pay up, and now wants to ruin my enjoyment of my surroundings. THIS IS NOT FAIR, JUST PROFIT BY ANY MEANS. He then intends to sell his business to Canadian Solar (or some associated name). I will not try and say any more on why this Chinese company should not be allowed to do business in the UK as it has been adequately covered above and in better depth by others. THIS IS NOT FAIR, AS A UK RESIDENT I MAY BE FORCED TO ENHANCE THE PROFITABILITY OF A PARTICIPANT IN SLAVE LABOUR AND HUMAN MISERY.

Only the UK government can protect me from this.

In my working life I was involved in Power Generation, including the power electronics used in wind turbines. I had to visit a well-established site in California, run by Enron, there were 10,300 turbine installations and many of them were not working. These non-workers were just left to rot into the ground making the installation look like a scrapyard, replacement and upgrading was cheaper than repair or dismantling, the local population were in despair but had no voice despite all the contractual undertakings made by Enron and predecessors. Of course, Enron were using bad business practices and are no longer in business, no doubt the wind turbine scrapyard is even bigger.

I completely support renewable energy and hope we can be a world leader, but not this proposal and not by these applicants and not in this scale, if it goes ahead then one day the approvers will be ashamed to have allowed it. There are far too many unspecified aspects that will allow future manipulation to enhance profitability with detrimental impact on the local environment and residents.

I do not understand the dropping of energy storage, as grid stability is a growing issue, this aspect should be investigated as there should be a concern that there is more to this than has been said by the applicant.

I cannot find any comfort in the so called mitigations put forward, I see those like saying a caged tiger has a better life because he has cleaner water to drink and the same place to sleep at night, safely behind bars, if you believe that, then you will struggle with the facts of oppressive Chinese business methods being used in the 21st century.

Others have written well on many topics, and I find agreement with all the objections.

I am not able to agree that the applicant has put forward an appropriate, ethical and sustainable project and urge the examiners to, NOT RECOMMEND IT