

I am so angry that so many people have had to spend so much time and effort setting their reasons why this solar farm should not be allowed to go ahead in this area. The size of it is absolutely ridiculous of more than 2000 acres. It will completely decimate this area forever. So much value to the community will be lost if prime farmland is allowed to be used to site the solar panel structures. This land will never recover from the destruction of having concrete and steel structures piled down into it. NOBODY KNOWS THE LONG TERM EFFECT OF CHEMICALS LEACHING INTO THE SOIL. Our children and their children will have to deal with the problems created.

As somebody who has suffered [REDACTED] over the years, access to lovely countryside has been a way for me to be able to deal with my issues. It is wonderful to be able to go out and see such a diverse range of wildlife every day. There are birds, animals, flora and fauna to look at, particularly with the changing seasons. If we are forced to have the solar farm with more than 500,000 panels situated across the land, we are going to find ourselves walking through corridors of high wire fencing; being watched at every stage by security cameras, and if as I like to, go out in the evening to watch the twilight activity, such as owls, the huge amounts of security lighting, will have very severe effects on the animals.

Technology is changing rapidly and now solar panels are being produced, which are almost as thin as tinfoil and can be used on roofs of buildings, which previously weren't strong enough to support solar structures.

What the government should now be doing, is encouraging every business every household, and every individual to ensure that solar panel technology is affordable for everyone on their homes, factories and industrial buildings. Other countries across the world are embracing the new technology, with examples of solar panels being installed on the roof of bicycle stores, the central reservation of roads and ensuring that all new builds include green technology.

I am extremely concerned by the information that I read in the newspapers and online about the production of the solar panels in China. It is only recently at our MP highlighted the fact that already the US government have stopped and impounded thousands of panels made in China because of their human rights record. If the government allows this solar project to go ahead, and these panels are produced in China, we are seem to be endorsing slave labour. Given that we have had to do so much historically to correct slaves issues from our past, how can we justify being involved with these solar panels from China?

My parents have had solar panels on the roofs for more than 12 years. It provides efficient, clean and free energy to power, the house and the electric car. Any spare capacity of electricity is sold back to the grid for use; this is the way it should be done!

I am finding it more and more difficult to afford good quality food as the price, particularly of items which use cereals and other crops grown in fields, are increasingly more expensive in the shops, and our food security is been compromised by the fact that so many of the fields are being lost to the blot on the landscape, that are solar panels! The net gain of energy at about 10-11% is too inefficient to give up good quality agricultural land. We are having to increasingly import more food from abroad and as seen over the past year with the war in Ukraine, countries such as Russia can cause worldwide shortages of food and other commodities such as gas.

According to the Office of National Statistics in 2022, they said :

"Ukraine was one of the UK's top trading partners for vegetable oils and fats in 2021. The UK imported £138.3 million of vegetable oils and fats from Ukraine in 2021, dropping to £43.5 million in 2022 as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Despite the shortfall being covered by increasing imports from Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany, the reduction in supply of vegetable oils and fats from Ukraine increased global prices in 2022, leading to higher imports in value terms".

This statement in itself justifies why we must continue to cultivate good agricultural growing land, to stay food secure. This solar farm must be refused. Let's hope common sense prevails!







