

As a doctor, I am very aware of the mental health issues that people struggle with as a result of not being able to walk in the countryside and the benefits that it has for their wellbeing.

This Mallard Pass Solar planned development, if given the go-ahead will see over 2000 acres of crop growing land covered with solar panels. Correspondingly, there will be large areas where walkers, if able, will be passing through corridors of high security fencing, cameras and lights. This will be a disaster for local people.

As a result of the installation, the local area biodiversity would be seriously affected. Animal habitats would be compromised or even lost for ever. Plant species would be affected to the point where they may even die out.

Essendine is the village I grew up in. Where I learned how to enjoy what the countryside has to offer. I learned the joy to be had through rambling across open countryside, through watching the wildlife and nature change through the seasons. Watching the fields colours and textures change with the seasons. Enjoying the peace and quietude. I am no different to many others who enjoy just the same pleasures granted by the open countryside.

raffic has been a problem in the village of Essendine for

not adversely affect me as I am considered elderly. However, it will significantly affect the young people who abide in this area for many years and for generations to come.

The use of solar panels is not an efficient way to produce clean energy. The levels of sunlight and the average hours of sunlight in a year are low when compared to some of the desert areas of the world. On average the UK has about 1,400 hours of sunlight a year. Which equates to 116 per month or about 30 hours per week or 4 hours per day.

For optimum output, solar panels require an ambient temperature of about 24deg C and absolutely clear blue skies. Such conditions rarely exist in the UK, even in the height of summer.

We need to ensure that the fields proposed for this installation are used for food crop production, which historically has been what the arable land in this area has been used for. With the crisis in Ukraine and the world shortage of grain supply, the UK needs to be as close to self-sufficiency as it possibly can be, not reliant on the majority of our food or food products on imports from other countries.

The UK has to be looking at much more efficient energy solutions. Wind power is between 3 and 5 times more efficient than solar power (depending on the wind). And if the treatment of waste fuels in not considered, nuclear energy is the most green energy that can be produced at this time.

Solar power is NOT efficient. This proposal should NOT be given the go-ahead.