

The MPSF violates my home and environment. My immediate environment is a perfect example of the countryside at its best. Productive agriculture surrounds us and has done for centuries offering security and jobs to the community at large and providing food for the nation at a time we should be boosting domestic food production. Rutland is the smallest county in the UK with little or no amenities other than the countryside yet it is being asked to host one of the very largest schemes in the UK. The percentage of the county's acreage that will be given over to Solar Installations, should this scheme go ahead will be the highest of any county in the UK by some considerable margin - what is the justification for doing this? The proposed MPSF will transform this wonderful rural setting into a prison like environment with tall fences, enormous solar panels, and 24 hour light pollution and it is questionable if this land will ever be returned to productive farmland as has been suggested.

I have read submissions from many eminent people who suggest that this scheme will never produce the amount of energy that is being forecast which further underlines the madness of removing high quality agricultural land from the food chain for this purpose.

On a personal level, this proposal will significantly reduce the quality of our life and the value of our most important asset - our home.

Canadian Solar, have from the beginning, been duplicitous, misleading and disingenuous about the many ramifications that the proposed MPSF will have on the local community. Some community meetings they failed to turn up to and many of the calls we were on presented this as a scheme to improve the environment which it clearly isn't.

When Sarah Price - lead planner of the MPSF came to see us on the 29th August 2022 it became obvious that she had never been near our site let alone the immediate area. This despite protestations to the contrary in many written letters from MPSF stating that every area affected by the proposal had been thoroughly considered in extensive detail. This was shocking to my husband and I and was the first warning sign that the representations made by MPSF were misleading. Sarah Price could not answer simple questions about why certain fields next to our land were included or why some were not included. Has anything been carefully considered by the planners and by Ms Price?

At the public meeting on the 17th May it became obvious that the proposed route for the construction of the solar farm would pass by no less than 3 schools. This fact was met with surprise by a representative of MPSF. At a time when the nation is trying to reduce child deaths on our roads this proposed route is ill advised and dangerous.

The MPSF ticks a lot of boxes about how NOT to plan and propose a solar farm.

It is sited on productive and fruitful farm land.

It is too big - placing the one of the largest schemes in the country in the smallest county seems an odd decision that will take away from the local community while giving nothing in return.

Canadian Solar has a [REDACTED] as exposed by our MP, Alicia Kearns, and an article in The Times. They say they have conducted a thorough review of their suppliers etc but are now holding another enquiry and one questions why that is now required.