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1. The Gate Burton proposal is Just 1 of 4 Solar, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) within a few miles of each other. Together this would be the largest solar farm complex in Europe and would amount to 10,000 acres in total.

At present all 4 proposals will be examined independently do you think this is reasonable or should they be assessed altogether?

2. The Gate Burton Energy Park has an approximate total site covering 3,500 acres and combined with the other 3 proposals, have a cumulative effect of 10,000 acres of farmland lost and the industrialisation of the area as a whole.

Do you think we can continue to lose food producing land at this rate? Do you think putting solar panels on farmland is the best place for them? Do you think jobs and skills within agriculture will be affected?

3. A vast area of farmland would be lost to this Solar and Energy Storage Park.

Would this land covered by such structures blend into the landscape or dominate it?

4. This proposal on open farmland would be highly visible from country lanes and property.

Would the views, walks and enjoyment of the countryside be affected by this solar proposal?

5. One of the world's largest Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) is a potential fire and chemical risk to life and property.

Is it acceptable to locate this kind of infrastructure on farmland?

Or is it better to locate this apparatus close to the Grid connection an a brownfield site?

6. The Gate Burton Energy Park is in close proximity to many historic buildings and the heritage village of Gate Burton.

Has the land been selected on suitability or purely on availability? Has the scheme been well planned and does it really consider the environment and wildlife?

7. There would be a 4 year construction period when combined with the other 3 projects on a building site of 10,000 acres.

Do you think your mental health and well-being has been taken into consideration by these vast proposals in the countryside?

Will natural habitats and wildlife be effected?

8. Were important factors such as brownfield site use, panel size and glare, battery storage,

generation capabilities and flood risk, sincerely and accurately communicated, or are you only getting to know the true details now?

Therefore, do you believe the developer "low carbon" engaged fully and in good faith?

9. The role solar can play is limited because it provides power intermittently and least power when we need it most – e.g. winter evenings. The proposed developments are an inefficient use of land, for their contribution to the energy mix.

Do you think it would be more effective to install solar panels on commercial and domestic roofs, where it will directly reduce bills instead of using farmland?