

The proposal indicates that hedgerows and trees will be removed according to "operational requirement" as determined by the solar farm developers. This is in effect a licence to remove a possible 55Km of hedgerow in this scheme alone. If all four proposals succeed, this would require the removal of over 200Km of hedgerows from an area rich in wildlife. Secondly, I have been informed that wildlife would be culled in the proposed areas. This would include healthy deer populations, badgers, foxes and an area with a particularly strong hare habitat. On completion, the extensive and high fencing will prevent any future recovery - and yet the developer cites that "net biodiversity will improve in the life of the scheme". This is just lip service in the context of wildlife while plant life will be severely impaired by the monolithic scale of the panels - and who will be monitoring such improvements in decades hence? Substantial provision of optimal wildlife corridors within the scheme would at least enable the continuity of these species without interference. Such provision would also meet the need for local residents to have some space to walk without intimidating walls of fencing.