

## **Alternative Renewable Energy Sources (NATIONAL PLANNING STRATEGY)**

This project and the other three affecting this area involve the extensive use of agricultural land, which is entirely unprecedented and out of proportion to any other project anywhere else in the UK. This developer has notably failed to show that it has looked for other brownfield alternatives, and given that this is a necessity under policy declarations, shouldn't the developers be required to do so? Could the developer be requested to demonstrate the land/power generation ratio of other renewable energy as a component of the process, given that land is such a limited resource and solar is particularly land intensive?

## **Are all land types equivalent in quality? Are all 3b /3a fields the same?**

When I was driving through this area yesterday, I witnessed farmers harvesting fields upon fields of mostly grain-based crops. The breadth and scope of this area, which has previously been used for food production, may be seen if you look from the top of the Jurassic cliff. We see these crops every year, so the locals are aware of how fertile this terrain is. Would it not make sense to ask the developer to submit figures from a reliable independent source about the yields over the last five years in order to compare this project to the agricultural land, especially in light of recent events across the world?

## **Visual Impact?**

The Zone of Theoretical Visibility is discussed in Chapter 10 of the environmental statement volume 1, where it is said that vegetation is expected to have a significant impact on visibility on a flat landscape.

It will be at least a quarter of the development's lifespan before the residents' view of the flat sections with the 3.5 M solar panels, is obstructed.

The vista from the famed Jurassic cliff, which stretches for kilometres, can never be obscured or diminished though due to the flatness of the area.

Moving trees and hedgerows should be avoided, according to national planning strategy.

Why has this developer asked within the development consent order to have many kilometres of hedges removed?

## **Social Economic & Environmental**

The relevant local authorities examine projects under local planning with the goal of enhancing the region's social, economic, and environmental conditions. The local communities' rural lifestyle, which is why they reside here, will be lost due to this development, which will also cause the community's social activities and general well-being to break down. There is no precedent to draw on because of the size and scope of these developments. Where is the regard for the welfare of the neighbourhood and where is the assessment regarding this?

The developers claim there is no proof that solar farms have an impact on home prices, yet there is no precedent for 10,000 acres of solar arrays being built within a 6-mile radius. It stands to reason that since people choose to live in rural areas, these developments will have an adverse financial effect on all of the locals.

People will be uprooted because the young will go to live in other rural areas, and undeveloped areas, leaving the older residents to fend for themselves who will care for them, new people won't want to live here.

Where has this been reviewed/researched in depth regarding this development?

The local community will not benefit from this so Why is this developer allowed to state that it is repowering the region when this goes directly to the grid and why are they allowed to state it is powering 160,000 homes when it won't??

## **Decommissioning**

If this development is to go ahead along with the others there will be millions of solar panels to be disposed of. I note that a bond has been alluded to in the past and for the peace of mind for this community can this be investigated further? I think the response from the developer that it would be against the law for them not to decommission and dispose of appropriately is not enough security. To compare does having laws for speeding and using mobile phones in the car etc actually stop it happening. Isn't a bond in the interest of security of the country and the area.

### **Engaging with the process**

Now that the developments are happening virtually simultaneously, it is impossible for the general public, including myself, to keep up with the process. Online resources and videos to review do not reduce the amount of time required to keep up. I have spoken to many working friends and neighbours who have serious concerns about the developments but find it difficult to comprehend or find the time to stay involved in the process. The relevant local planning agencies and developers have council the public have to deal with this process by themselves with no help to navigate. It's very disengaging and would seem a little prejudicial.

### **Cummulative affect**

It has been mentioned that the Examiners of all four projects will look at the cumulative affect but it doesn't give an indication of how this will be done? How can this be done when they are being examined individually.

When this is being examined with past precedents in mind how can that be compare when they are not the size and scale?