

I believe that the dangers of field fires and the lack of access for emergency services should be taken into consideration in the planning application regarding battery storage units for solar projects. I live not too far away from a proposed solar farm project, Gate Burton Low Carbon Co. I am really frightened regarding field fires destroying my property and neighboring properties. If the fields are full of large solar panels and battery storage units what will happen to the grass and weeds beneath these. 10.000 acres of highly combustible material giving off toxic fumes and laying waste to what ever is in the fires path. It will also destroy wildlife habitat killing all the natural diversity. The access to these fields are very limited so emergency services would struggle to put any fires out. We've seen this locally with field and haystack fires in the past, which can smoulder for days. I ask you to please take this into account before making you decisions. Also these blots on the landscape are going to be seen from my property and neighboring properties. Also public footpath walks which at the moment go through beautiful agricultural land scenery. The solar panels at best are 22% efficient, not working very well in winter and not at all at night. I ask you what about the agricultural growing land we need for food shortages in our country. Surely this is very important with the global unrest. The Solar panel companies, Gate Burton Low Carbon etc have said that the industrialization of the locality is already in existence. But the power stations in the Trent valley have been part of the vista and environment since the early 60s. At least with power stations they are in one place not spread out across fields and fields like solar panels. I ask you please take brown field sites, new builds and commercial property into account before allowing this travesty. I also believe with all the solar farm project companies jumping on the bandwagon it is just investor's making quick money at the cost of local residents.