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The developer claims that the landscape is already industrialised as a result of the distant power stations!

There are two remaining power stations in the far distance, both in Nottinghamshire on the other side of the river Trent, a goodly number of miles away, which does not constitute "Industrialised" The entire area is predominantly rural and farming oriented.

This strikes as the proposed developer clutching at straws, of which, given the farming and rural nature of the area, there are many, none of which would wish to be clutched by the developers.

The developer claims that the hedges will screen the 800,000+ solar panels, security fencing, and 5-meter-tall security cameras, and would lessen our awareness of them when driving, walking, cycling, and other activities.

Any hedges, which we all know take years to grow to full height, will have to be allowed to grow to considerable height to conceal 5 metre tall structures bearing security cameras. This wouldn't lessen our awareness of the nature of the sites but at that height would be far from aesthetically pleasing to the eye. In fact, they would probably be an eyesore and people would be aware of what those fences and hedges are hiding.

This development would be the industrialisation of our fair county and the fencing and hedging will create an eyesore. Any hedging will doubtfully achieve maturity in my remaining lifetime of circa 20 years thus rendering the area undesirable to many.

Whilst the developer claims the solar farm will produce large amounts of low carbon electricity, this is a myth and they are aware of this, plus any electricity will only be generated in times of sufficient light. During the winter months when usage is at its highest, the days are duller and shorter and would therefore generate less electricity.

However, many new build properties and industrial units now have, and are having, solar panels installed in and on the roof thus generating their own electricity and possibly providing some for the national grid.

This being so, surely solar farms are not needed.

We are constantly being told we need to reduce our carbon footprint yet if arable land is given over to solar farms, we will have to import more and more foodstuffs which surely defeats the object?

We are also being told that we need to increase food production in this country to reduce the carbon footprint created by the importation of foods and foodstuffs.

What is the potential harm to the person from the battery storage facility? Have any studies been done?

What are the developers plans for the solar panels when they are no longer efficient? What are their plans for the eventual usage of the land?

How many recycling facilities are there currently in existence that can recycle the components of the panels?

These developments, taken as a whole, will ruin the area, they will detract for the beauty of the landscape and be a real blot on the countryside. They are certainly not a legacy I wish to leave for my children, grandchildren, great grandchildren nor the population of this area.