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Please note I am an interested party – unable to locate ref number

My three comments re this application revolve around the impact on the local community's well-being, social standing and the economic effects.

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Whilst this is a separate application there are other solar applications that will be joined with this one resulting in the largest solar farm in the UK and one of the largest in the world.

Other solar farms have been positioned away from area of habitation minimising effects from the development. Information on the effects with this scale have not been undertaken as they have not been previously required.

On the basis that no data is available of the social, economic and wellbeing of the communities housed within a close proximity of the development what independent research has been undertaken from the applicants and what does the planning application require?

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Decommissioning, at the end of the life of the solar industrialisation the cost of decommissioning would have to be met.

Will the cost be met by the developers as part of the application or passed down the ownership chain? Should the ownership chain cease trading how will this be covered or will it pass on to the landowner or local council?

Can the applicant detail the projected decommissioning cost and where the responsibility will lay for this application or will the expectorate consider a decommissioning bond prior to starting the project to reduce impact on the future community living adjacent to the development?

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Local land employment, the method of measuring the potential productivity of agricultural land has been based upon a grading system that dates from 1988.

It is acknowledged that this measurement is no longer accurate due to farming methods, climate change etc. There is phase being "BMV" – best and most versatile – however this is a phase with little science behind it.

Food security is now known as a weapon of war and around the world we have all experienced these effects.

With these facts in focus the real measurement should be based upon yields from the land and the type of crops produced, does the expectorate acknowledge the old fashioned way is still fit for purpose or should an analysis of the yields and UK food security be taken into consideration when considering this application?

