

RESPONSE TO GATE BURTON SOLAR PROJECT. 7/8/23

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Dear sir.

Thankyou once again for giving us an opportunity to respond to this application.

Environment and landscape.

Let's look at what we have in this idyllic rural setting. Quiet and comfortable settings for families to grow and be educated about a civilised way of life . Opportunities for children to learn, touch and feel the surrounds within their rural community. Travel the district and absorb the wealth of opportunities we have. Grow and develop into adults with an understanding and appreciation of a rural lifestyle. Grow their own families with that very same environment and understanding about what is of value, for generations to come.

Should this precious area be overwhelmed by a solar farm we will see a devastation in the natural and social environment. Disruption and damage caused to land, roads / infrastructure across the whole area. Very large areas of land will be fenced off from everyone in an attempt to protect the asset. Steel security fences metres high will give a distinct impression of high security reminiscent of a prison. Natural field boundaries removed to accommodate an increased number of panels. Movement of wild life will be restricted. Landowners loosing right of access to their own property. Physical and psychological disturbance for those whose lives will be regularly and in some cases permanently disrupted by the development.

The Gate Burton development shows no sensitivity to the surrounding environment and landscape whilst destroying the unique opportunity to produce food and allow people to live in a settled environment.

Impact upon the landscape.

It is without doubt there will be an adverse impact on the landscape due to such a development. Views across the area will become alien to residents and visitors alike. Environmental, agricultural and social damage cannot be mitigated against due to the nature of the proposed unwanted conversion of an area. A conversion from an agricultural rural vista to a prison like encampment of very large alien structures. The size of the prison like compounds littering our countryside will always outweigh the benefits or the proposals.

I fully expect some ludicrous financial scheme will also be devised to pay the operators for generating power not entering the grid. (ie) wind turbine operators are being paid for electricity generated but not being used which is costing household users £40, expected to increase to £150 by 2026 carbon tracker has estimated.

How can we be sure such a ridiculous award won't be going to solar operators.

BILLIONS of pounds are now being paid to wind operators for supplying nothing.

Solar produces NO energy at night.

Solar produces less than 25% of potential output on cloudy days.

On average solar operates aprox 1/3 of the year.

Who can possibly justify destroying our lives and environment for something so pathetic in performance!

Alternative sources of power.

More efficient alternatives for generating power should be considered. Nuclear fusion, the CONSTANT motion of the sea, coastal barrage and incentivising industry to place solar on roofs.

Land classes and suitability .

It is without doubt the applicant has not demonstrated there are no land masses which have presently no use which could be used for electricity generation rather than take productive arable soils.

The main reason for this application is to exploit an existing grid connection. A grid connection which is already earmarked for Nuclear Fusion.

The very sensible solution would be to extend the life of existing plants until a realistic solution is provided.

Jeff. Summers.