

The global and UK population continues to increase unchecked. More people in future means there will be more food needed. Currently the UK imports a substantial proportion of our food but in the light of population increase we cannot assume this will always be available. Agricultural land is lost for new housing developments and other schemes such as road widening and those for economic growth. There may be no alternative to these losses but there is an alternative to losing food production for solar panels. The tax payers money would be better spent on more, new connections to the grid so that panels can go on the roofs of buildings. Also, new houses could be equipped with solar panels as standard practice. Careful thought should be given to jeopardising food security for future generations. This and the other applications should be rejected. More careful thought is needed to the way in which we harness the energy from the Sun.