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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concerns about the bullyish and rather cynical way these proceedings are progressing. The timetable, venues and communications seem to be laced with obstacles designed to distract, delay or even prevent participation of those genuinely concerned.

For example. I have never seen an e mail with an "unsubscribe" link offered directly after an introduction to a topic!!

Also, the timings of the various invitations to discuss the proposals has made it very difficult for busy working people to participate ie during the working day in places difficult (or expensive) to attend and confusing information (albeit no doubt totally within the guidance) but in reality, forcing many citizens to simply give up the fight for information and understanding.

The process is administratively and beaurocratically a little heavy for many whose lives will be changed in ways yet to be fully understood, and for what?

Solar energy should have been captured through planning law 10/20 years ago, but wasn't. All rooves and brown field sites should, by now, be harbouring solar panels and every decommissioned power station site converted to solar. Every disused runway in every disused airfield should be gleaming with solar panels. The last thing that should be considered is farmland. This is a cynical buy-in to absentee avaricious landowners who care little for quality of life, natural diversity or a future they wont be around for.

Many people, including experts in the field, are not convinced that the creation of solar panels and all the carbon used to create, transport and decommission them can be justified within a genuinely green agenda, and scrutiny of many of these schemes may reveal that they are being proposed to line pockets and appropriate land .

It cannot be right that one essential and vital source of energy (growing energy, food energy) is lost to another! Surely green energy is about NEW energy, resourceful energy that sits alongside and encourages natural diversity, not at the expense of even more natural destruction in what is already the most denuded country in Europe!!

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