

Much of what I would have said was presented by earlier speakers. I concur and thank them for their heartfelt and well delivered points.

To add briefly, the information from all of the projects is deliberately compartmentalised. Only the minimum of information is made public and then only to those that are required to be notified. If it were not for the efforts of the 7000 Acres Group and Councillors, the potential detrimental effect of the proposals would be relatively unopposed. It remains frustrating that the naming of the proposals appears to be designed to mislead residents as to the actual location and size of the schemes, and worse, that residents remain unaware or are disenfranchised by the complexity of the process.

The reliance on Chinese equipment is a concern. Whether through the potential use of forced labour in the supply chain, or the near monopoly in the provision of much of the equipment required for the proposals. (Panels, Electrical Equipment, Battery Storage Systems). All of the equipment will need to be replaced at least once during the projects' lifetime, and any carbon calculations must include a whole life carbon cost, including that of the replacement and safe disposal of life expired equipment, as well as initial construction and decommissioning.

The cumulative effect of the scheme must be taken into account. This effect will not be only the visually intrusive panels, but will also affect mental and physical health, employment, tourism, and accommodation to name a few . With further schemes already notified which extend the footprint further the attempted land grab by solar developers in and around this area continues apace. We cannot afford to waste good arable land in this way.