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I have made submissions before, but I would like to reiterate many of them here.

Firstly, no country has the right to ignore their need for green energy for as long as we have, and then turn in a panic toward agricultural (easy target) land for a last minute solution.

This crisis is real and it needs real long term thought and investigation into just how "green" all solutions will actually be. The UK needs to listen carefully to the failures and gains of other countries to establish what actually works and what doesn't long before we cover our fields in glass, metal and fencing.

There is one very obvious fact, that no green energy should replace natural energy, and fertile soil has a natural energy that should be used for growing, not lying dormant under man made structures manufactured in China and shipped here to sit in dull English fields hoping the sun will shine, like it used to before Global warming meant warmer air and cloudier wetter climates and less sun!!

The sheer scale of these fields in such a concentrated area should not be allowed. If solar energy is to be captured, then it should be captured from every existing and new rooftop in the country, dead and dormant roofs, ripe for the production of solar energy, used locally, immediately and sustainably.

Lets avoid the travesty of making the mistake of believing the hype and nonsense about the suitability of using farmers fields for this. It isn't suitable, never has been and never will, but its probably cheaper, that is not a good reason for going ahead.

Cynical profit obsessed companies are taking advantage of difficult agricultural times to move in and incentivise farmers, who will be dead and buried long before the true consequences of solar fields are felt. And what of their sons and daughters? All they will ever have known is how to rent out land.

Agricultural knowledge and expertise will be lost in one generation, how on Earth do you get that back?

If these acres are lost, they will be lost forever and the UK will be forever at the mercy of others to supply us with our food. That food (with all the unknown standards attributed) would need to be shipped many miles by the tonne full, our bread basket will have been emptied and our bread shipped in from elsewhere.

The countryside is more than the fields we see, it is the livelihoods of those who live there and it is the recreation and wellbeing of those who don't, it is too valuable for too many people to be covered in metal and glass.

Regards

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