

Along with many other submissions it is becoming blatantly obvious that following a very wet autumn and spring with so much arable land under water and so many fields yet to be cultivated that any government in its right mind would contemplate covering good arable fields with miles of large scale solar panels. Already we are seeing high hedges down our lanes so looking across the countryside here will become a thing of the past. These 4M high panels will make the roads they boarder seem like tunnels and I note that a recent refusal by the Secretary of State in the SW of England sited this being one of the reasons for refusal. With the amount of debate that is currently going on across the country and in the capital about the merits of a low energy supply option, which solar is perhaps someone in government is beginning to listen the the facts. I can only hope that someone might see that putting panels on roofs as they do in many countries, including Britain would achieve the desired results although not for the ardent investors who would prefer the easy option of putting them on virgin fields. It is sad that governments seem to want to sacrifice the few in order to satisfy a few industrialists at our expense sure in the knowledge that as predicted this will be yet another costly exercise similar to HS2 where no one takes any responsibility when things do not work out as expected and its costs (the tax payer) a lot more.