

I am disappointed that the planning inspectorate has chosen to run the Examinations to these 4 Solar projects almost concurrently, it is difficult enough to keep pace with one project, let alone 4. I believe it disadvantages the residents and councils who are hard pushed to submit credible opposition, whilst all 4 of the developers are allegedly represented by the same legal counsel.

This huge scheme is one of 4 mega solar panel industrial sites planned in this area, it is proposed to place these, together with battery storage, transformers, inverters & cable routes on what is predominantly fertile arable farmland. A particular worry with war in Ukraine and a poor Rice harvest.

I am vehemently opposed to this scheme and the others in the area for the following reasons.

1. Impact on the areas indigenous wildlife & habitats, particularly ranging animals, deer, fox etc. Bats (a recent report indicates adverse impact on bats in & around Solar sites) Birds esp. Skylark & Lapwing. The destruction of hedgerows & trees.
2. Construction: The impact on physical & mental health over the period of construction piling 12 hours per day 7 days a week 2-3 years
3. Traffic around 500 vehicle trips per day, inc abnormal loads, HGV, light goods cars minibuses etc. over a 2-3 + year period. Impact on countryside roads not designed for such heavy traffic, that are already in a poor state of repair.
4. Impact on village communities and agricultural trades and businesses, impact on tenant farmers. Loss of produce and GDP.
5. Increased flood risk from panel runoff onto compacted substrate, probable desiccation of fertile top soil under panels, being wind blown. ruining the nutritional farming soils.
6. Solar panels & equipment mined, processed and manufactured using mainly coal fired generation & allegedly utilising [REDACTED]
7. Adverse Impact on local tourism.
- 8, local property price depreciation without offers of compensation.
9. Very few (post construction) full time job opportunities but a loss of traditional agricultural, engineering and farming supply industries in the area & nationwide.
10. Glint & Glare for road users & aircraft.
11. Battery Storage BSS is potentially dangerous, sudden fires & explosive runaway fires that are difficult to extinguish or contain. Local Fire & Rescue services probably do not have the equipment, manpower, or in depth experience to tackle such a dangerous blaze. Toxic fume emissions may be hazardous to firefighters & residents.
12. Landscape and farmland may suffer such damage & degradation that it may never be able to be returned to agricultural use.
- 13, End of life disposal of old panels, recycling is difficult & expensive, what guarantees are there that they will not be disposed in landfill either here or export the problem abroad.
14. Inefficient & intermittent Solar, the summer of 23 has been very poor for solar generation, overcast skies have resulted in a higher degree of gas turbine generation.
- 15.The promises of cheap power via renewables is mythical if the intermittent output that is generated is priced at the most expensive fuel medium, which currently is gas.