

This massive solar proposal should not go ahead. The fact is that the nation's farmland is too valuable to be used in this way. I cannot think of another example of such inefficient and reckless land use. There are brownfield sites and large industrial buildings available in abundance, probably less convenient and profitable, but a far more sensible option for low output solar.

If a farmer or any other business wants to fit solar panels to their premises rooftop or even put them on the land adjacent to their business, that is great. There are examples of this in the area already. Doing this provides cheap low carbon power directly to the user and impacts on no one else.

On the other hand, to concentrate all this solar plant in one area and to impose its disfigurement on this landscape is criminal, locally unpopular, and not at all in the country's best interests, if the true facts were to be known.

These proposals would contribute little to our electricity needs, but cumulatively would damage our remaining food security. These projects would take land out of agriculture for 40+ years.

I would be a very old lady by the time there is any chance of seeing this area return to the way it is today... In fact, I doubt it will ever be returned.

It seems strange that we are told these proposals will blend in with the countryside, yet the landowners do not practice what they preach and do not have them proposed near them, in some cases they are not even in the same neighbourhood. These double standards prove these things are indeed very ugly and destructive and should not be forced on rural populations at this scale.

This is industrialisation of the countryside en masse.

These dystopian proposals are literally terrorising rural communities. The change from what we have today to what we are facing is quite hideous, especially in the knowledge that if allowed to happen this would contribute nothing nationally nor globally.

I love my daily walks on the country lanes, footpaths and bridleways and the views of the ever-changing landscape. I would be deeply saddened if this was to be all lost due to these unproductive corporate moneymaking schemes. Please listen.