

Although I am not a local resident, I visit weekly and know the area very well.

In late August armed with binoculars and several maps, I studied the views from the B1398 (Middle Street) across the Trent valley. With the fields being a patchwork of shades and colours it was relatively easy to work out which ones were earmarked as potential solar farm sites.

The hedges were in full leaf and the fields freshly harvested or tilled. The proposed sites were plain to see.

My question is. If it was plain to see the proposed sites with nothing in the fields, then what would this look like with the solar panels towering above them?

I honestly cannot comprehend what the area would become, but it is quite clear that solar panels would be the overwhelming feature of this impressive vista and would inevitably ruin an important landscape. The bare winter months worsening the impact many times over.

I know the Examining Authority will of course bear all this in mind, but the realisation and shock I experienced that day means I just could not leave it unsaid.