

My submission is simply to reiterate my view of the proposals and the consultation process. The proposal to install such a large, high density project, on prime agricultural land, close to villages with a historical contrast, is, quite simply, wrong. The impact on food production, bio diversity, local amenity, visual and general access is too drastic to contemplate. While I understand the need for renewable energy sources, this, and other similar projects in our area, is misplaced. The location and scale is clearly driven by existing infrastructure in the form of redundant power stations and the access they provide to the national grid.

Add to this the complex and arcane consultation process which does nothing to engage with local individuals - it smacks of a paper exercise, particularly as proposals sit outside normal planning procedures. In my view, decisions have already been made, at national level. We have no influence or control over outcome. I am saddened that a government commitment to seeking consensus has failed at the first hurdle.