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To who it my concern

My name is Mark Wardle and I am a local resident and I wish to make my objections to to proposed development. My deep concerns are the use of active and productive agriculture land to build this size inappropriate sized solar development and when you include Island Green Energy other 2 massive developments, Tillbridge Solar development, Luminous Energy development and other recently announced developments all in a very concentrated area will make huge impact on the UK grain and other crop production, causing ever more imports to back fill the shortfalls. The loss of huge swaths of irreplaceable wildlife habitat and wildlife corridors that all manner of creatures require to survive and proliferate does not bare thinking about. The wanton destruction of countless miles of established hedgerows and trees again is totally staggering when you consider up and down the the United Kingdom there are many projects trying to reestablish and enhance hedgerows and woodland with government support.

The thought of being surrounded for miles of millions of solar panels and associated equipment fills me with total dread and despair.

I fear for the safety of the battery storage facilities, which has been discussed recently in Parliament, due to fire and explosion risk and with no fire water storage or watercourses nearby these would just be left to burn out releasing untold toxins to the environment and causing fire to spread across the surrounding areas threatening homes and communities.

I sincerely hope his majesty's inspectorate sees the total folly in these developments before untold irreparable damage is done to the effected communities, the farming industry and the local ecology.

Kindest regards

Mark Wardle

Sent from my iPad