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I have been unsuccessful at making a written representation through NSIP so hope this is more successful.

My family and I live in a small pocket of along with our two neighbours, with the Tillbridge project on one side and the Cottam project on the other surrounding us for miles. One of the main reasons for living where we do, is to enable us to keep horses. We keep the horses fit by riding on the quiet single track roads around our property. The work required for laying the cable route corridor would mean it would be unsafe to take the horses out while the work was in progress, which could be for years.

The proposed screening with trees between us and the acres of solar panels will be of no benefit for many years. If the solar panels could solve the country's need for power, we like to think we could learn to live with the destruction of the area, but that is not the case. To cover thousands of acres of productive farmland with structures which are of no use whatsoever for large periods of time and particularly when the need for power is at its greatest, seems like complete madness.

The push for solar panels is totally out of proportion to their usefulness and is only happening because some people have seen how they can make large amounts of money.

For years farmland has been bought as an investment by businesses that have nothing to do with farmland or the area in which the land lies. It has the potential benefit of limited inheritance tax and is cheap compared to other land. The investors now see an opportunity to make huge profits and are pushing hard to make it happen. The loss of farmland and the disruption to all the people and wildlife whose home it is far outweighs the benefit.

I do hope my comments above can placed in the appropriate place.

Regards

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