

AGRICULTURE VERSUS SOLAR FARMS. DEC 23.

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MR CHAIRMAN I have to question the economic viability of this application and the level of informed wisdom which has been applied so far.

I immediately think of HS2.

I have previously put to the hearing how desperate some one must be to promote one section of industry whilst helping destroy another.

As previously stated, Oxygen, Water and Food are the three essential elements which sustain life.

WHY reduce our ability to produce food, an essential component of sustainable life, for a 60 year contract to produce electricity on a precariously spasmodic platform.

Recently, due to winter weather conditions my solar array has produced absolutely zero energy. A big fat zero is displayed on my screen!!!

At a time when we are all shivering in our boots with cold and consuming energy in colossal volumes; PV Panels stand idol !!

THERE FORE energy is being produced by other mechanisms. The mechanisms we are all familiar with, power stations and wind turbines. With some obviously being imported across the channel.

MR CHAIRMAN. Tonight I would like every one to think about how Agriculture , supported by soil has evolved into an industry producing over twice as much food per acre since I was a boy. An overwhelming feat! Hard work, dedication, research and development to meet the world wide need for food to feed an ever burgeoning world population.

I will give you an example of how agriculture evolves.

The UK imports roughly 100,000 tonnes of HARICOT BEANS each month from USA, CANADA, ETHIOPIA and CHINA. Haricot beans are used to make Baked Beans. A factory in Lincolnshire produces and packs 264 million tins of baked beans every year from imported beans.

It has taken 12 years at warwick university for scientists to develop a variety of Haricot Beans which can produce a viable crop in the UK.

BRITISH grown Haricot beans have been cooked and tinned in Lincolnshire for the first time.

This now brings me to the real point hear.

BULK CARGO SHIPS CREATE 440 MILLION TONNES OF Co2 per year average.

One container ship is equivalent to 50 million cars

16 cargo ships produce as much Co2 AS ALL THE CARS IN THE WORLD.

THE MAIN REASON FOR CREATING SOLAR FARMS IS TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.

IF AGRICULTURE IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IT'S RECORD OF APPLYING GROUND BREAKING TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS .

THEN EVEN GREATER LEVELS OF Co2 REDUCTION COULD BE ACHIEVED BY GROWING OUR OWN, REDUCING SEA MILES AND KEEPING BRITAIN FARMING.

AND, PLACING SOLAR PANELS WHERE THEY DO NO HARM.