

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. Billions of pounds spent on a project now aborted just to provide a faster thrill on a new train. It's a lot cheaper going to a fair ground.

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

SOLAR DESTROYING AGRICULTURE.

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. DO we really want to put this country into the disastrous position of being committed to relying so heavily on imported food and suffering the unbelievable price hikes in food as we have seen in imported energy of all types either due to conflict or just basic green? EMPTY SUPERMARKET SHELVES AS SEEN EARLIER THIS YEAR ARE NOT GOOD.

THERE ARE 4 BENEFICIARIES OF THIS FARCICAL EXPERIMENT. The applicant residing in Mayfair London. Chinese and Canadian panel manufacturers and Agricultural Landlords.

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 much obviously being imported across the channel AT INFLATED PRICES.

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.

DUE to global warming, this year we have seen 1.2 million people displaced from SOMALIA. SURELY it makes more sense to grow a surplus of food hear and send it to Somalia and other countries in need rather than have them come to live in the UK.

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.

PLEASE CAN WE PLACE SOLAR PANELS WHERE THEY DO NO HARM.

IT APPEARS QUITE EVIDENT TO ME CHAIRMAN

THE SIGHTING OF THESE SOLAR ARRAYS IS ECONOMICALLY, ENVIRONMENTALY AND SOCIALY WRONG .

A VERY CORRUPT FORM OF COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION.

Today I visited a WEST LINDSEY farmer living alongside a solar farm established around 10 years ago.

He talked about never seeing any sheep grazing under the panels .

He also commented about the level of weed seeds from thistles, ragwort, dandelions etc blowing from under the array and infecting fields for miles around.

He also commented about sun reflection coming from the panels which has forced him to change his desired direction of travel on his fields because he is blinded by the reflection and finds it intolerable.

He also commented about 3,3a and 3b soils are the most productive soils because they provide a water supply to crops in very dry periods when crops on some lighter soils can be seriously affected by drought or even killed.

Soils which suffer from drought or even die are not the most VERSATILE.

ALL UK SOILS HAVE VERSATILLITY !!!

My question is what will be the CARBON BALANCE after taking into account the figures I have already quoted ref Co2 production.

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Carbon produced in manufacturing the panels for Cottam Solar.-----

Carbon produced by sourcing raw materials manufacturing

and erecting on site Storge batteries. -----

Carbon produced in road haulage -----

Carbon produced in accessing raw materials -----

Carbon produced via sea miles from Canada / China. -----

Carbon produced by hauling from docks to site. -----
Carbon produced by preparing site and erecting panels -----
TOTAL Co2 PRODUCED DURING SOLAR ARRAY ESTABLISHMENT. -----
PLUS
TOTAL Co2 created by imported 20000 tonnes of food not
Being grown on the sites. -----
Total carbon cost of exercise. -----
ONLY independent figures can be accepted to avoid any bias.
Thankyou