

We are advised that this is probably the last opportunity that those who care about people, the planet and our environment can have our say to try to stop this folly. I can only repeat what I have said many times before. Politicians of every persuasion here and abroad are ignoring the exponential population growth. Many people are coming to the UK for a better life. We need to be able to feed all of us, food banks are needed already. The last thing we should be doing is reducing our food production by putting solar panels on good agricultural land. Which is more important; electricity or food? We should develop off shore wind and nuclear energy. We should create more links to the grid so that panels can go on the roofs of industrial complexes and build new houses with roof slope to the south. Panels should be on all new houses. Then there is the destruction of carbon dioxide removing hedges and trees to widen pleasant country lanes. If this goes ahead our local environment will be changed for ever. It is a quick fix. How much is the tax payer providing? The UK is heavily in debt, can we afford it? Solar panels are least effective when the Sun is lower in the sky, when most electricity is needed. I assume the politicians are intelligent people, it is hard to believe they think this is a good idea. This and the other applications that will remove good food producing land should be rejected. I rest my case.