

Rooftop solar has again been acknowledged but not considered. Rooftop solar might as well not be a Government aspiration if it is always to be ignored in favour of using the land. Using farmland is more convenient and profitable than rooftops and brownfield sites. The Developer gets away with it, time after time.

There is no doubt that rooftops are a far less damaging place for solar panels. The electrical output is far too limited for PVs to be sited on such large amounts of farmland, blighting the countryside, especially in areas of low solar gain and where land competition is high, such as in the UK.

Let the businesses that occupy the buildings use any power generated by their roofs and in turn reduce electricity demand.

5 giant ground mounted solar proposals in one area are an unnecessary waste of land and an unreasonable burden on the local population, the solar panels themselves are not even low level, which the solar industry states are used in rural settings, saying they are easily hidden behind countryside hedgerows.

I am sure Government lobbyists never tell MPs about the 4.5metre panel heights and the density of these proposals, or the total amount of land required, and I am sure that they would never utter a word about the generating output.

But I suppose this is for the Examining Authority to bottom out?

We must strike the right balance between Food, Energy, Landscape, and people?

Solar on farmland will struggle at this level. The cumulative impact on this region would be horrific and would in essence set a precedent for absolutely anything to be granted planning permission in the future, whether it is deemed necessary or not. This block of developments would be the size of a city.

Solar on farmland at this scale does not have a compelling case.