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I object to this solar farm for the following reasons which apply across the UK as a whole:

## Energy V Food Security

To date – Over 88,000 acres of UK countryside is being targeted for solar panels and Battery Energy Storage Units.

UK public are being greenwashed into thinking solar is the 'silver bullet' for our country's energy needs and net zero.

Community solar and solar on buildings and rooftops are a good option, benefitting the public.

Solar Farms taking away tenant farmers livelihoods and our crops and livestock should NOT be allowed under any circumstances. No benefit to anyone and NO reduction in electricity prices.

Solar developers and landowners making vast sums of profit on the backs of local residents, using 'de-carbonisation' as an excuse.

With the unstable world we are currently living in, we can't rely on imports. We need to keep our productive arable and crop growing land for just that – growing our crops for the UK market.

Solar farms will cause a long term / semi permanent adverse landscape effect across the UK countryside and once lost to solar panels and battery storage units will be turned into brownfield sites and not able to be returned to fertile land.

It has been proven that solar panels are significantly warmer than surrounding vegetation. Therefore thousands of acres of farmland covered in solar panels = temperatures rising.

Landowners being swamped with phone calls, letters and emails, bribing them with thousands of pounds to build on their land.

If we were to use  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the 617,000 acres of south facing commercial roof space for solar we could generate 25GW, almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our current target,

Solar should be on commercial roofs, infrastructure corridors and car parks, along HS2 lines and disused HS2 lines and other railway lines and motorways.

Germany and France have been very successful in roof top solar and Italy has banned Industrial-scale solar on farmland.

I therefore would sincerely hope you will look at this proposed solar 'industrial' farm and object to it too.

Kind regards  
Sally Tyler