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To whom it may concern

As a local resident, I wish to notify you of my strong objections to your planned solar development. This scheme is completely inappropriate in this predominantly rural and agricultural area. Solar panel industrialisation should not be sited on productive farmland when viable alternatives, such as brownfield sites, exist. This is threatening food production in favour of an intermittent, unreliable and limited source of power that is anything but favourable to the environment when one also considers the constituent elements of these panels and the vast distances from construction source to eventual location.

The scale of the development alongside other schemes currently going through the planning system will have an immense cumulative impact upon the area and its residents. Vast swathes of this rural area will be turned into a massive industrialised plot with noise pollution and potential dangers to health arising from people being forced to live in close proximity to electrical equipment, battery storage and electro-magnetic fields as well as potential fire and flood risks. This will affect peoples' livelihoods, the local economy, infrastructure, road networks, wildlife, mental health and quality of life. Once such industrialisation occurs, our countryside and all its benefits are lost for everyone.

Additionally, the scheme gives rise to major concerns over the distance to the power station and the unprecedented size of the solar panels themselves. The disruption during construction, maintenance and operation of such a vast complex will decimate this area, its population and local wildlife which will alter the landscape and its quality of life irrevocably.

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