

In OFH3, I asked for confirmation from the applicant, as previously stated in early public consultations, that all solar panels would be washed every month — for the 40 year life of the scheme. This will have a very serious impact on the quality of life for residents, extending beyond many of their lifetimes. There will be noise, much more water & energy usage, plus a great deal of extra industrial traffic on narrow rural roads (primarily within the Borough of Darlington, making further financial impact). The Landscape consultant stated later in OFH3 that there would be over 500,000 panels. The impact of washing 25,000 plus panels every working day must not be underestimated. The applicant should explain how they intend to mitigate these impacts.