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BYERS GILL SOLAR FARM

Having listened throughout today to the Assessments made by RWE on the Socio-Economic Effects, Visual Effects and Cumulative Effects of Byers Gill Solar Farm, I have to say I am once again extremely worried that any assessments undertaken have been conducted by consultants who have been nowhere near our villages.

I have heard them explain that they have followed Policy Guidelines, Surveys and Studies to reach their assessments.

Throughout, their assessments their comments have been, “No Significance” or “No significant Impact”.

I do not accept their assessments.

There are significant losses for our communities and our way of life.

We are in danger of losing good farmland. Some local farmers, who are hoping to lease for Solar Farms, are now talking about Food Security and Food Poverty in our country.

We are in danger of losing Rights of Way and Community Recreation Areas.

There will be significant devastating visual impact on people’s homes.

We are in danger of not being able to leave or enter our villages in any direction, without passing by highly visible, very ugly Solar Farms.

Cumulative it is not. This is Saturation!

Temporary it is not. The effects will be with us for Decades, Decades!

And for what?

In the hope on “The best sunny day in the middle of June the panels achieve 11% efficiency.

