

In terms of OFH1 I do not feel that this process has been user friendly at all for the general public, like myself, who are not familiar with these things. We are faced with firstly a lack of user friendly information, in simple understandable terms, on what we need to do to have our views heard and secondly reams of documents. There has been little by way of information sharing and certainly not openly in terms we can all understand. It is also expected that everyone has Internet access and is computer savvy, which simply is not the case. If the applicant was genuinely interested in informing the community and taking on board their views they would have had meetings in every village affected, this did not happen. They would also have agreed to meet with Parish Councils, 3 requests were made to meet with Camblesforth Parish Council but each of these were declined. Enso said they would visit those residents most affected to discuss their concerns, this never happened. Residents submitted feedback but there was no communication back from Enso in relation to comments made. It has made me feel that the submissions were simply used to make sure they could get their plans approved, as opposed to actually having consideration for those individuals who will be most impacted upon. There has been a distinct lack of openness or transparency. A picture is being painted by the applicant on the positive aspects whilst negative aspects are conspicuous by their absence.

These large scale solar farms are so new that the applicant is making comparisons to much smaller scale farms, such as when mentioning a farm that already uses rotating panels, tiny in size compared to that proposed in the Helios project, so it seems wrong to compare as the implications could be much different.

The applicant has not even shared on the number of solar panels or confirmed figures on the number of battery storage containers. How can discussions even take place when there are so many unknowns?