

My comments following the open hearing 16Oct2024. The presentations were made by members of the public from a variety of backgrounds, medical, environmental, farming, political and residential etc covering many negative aspects and I agree with their content. Please refer to their submissions covering many points.

Food security is a problem and much is imported. Losing yet more farmland exacerbates this problem significantly. Crop yields food reduction and increased import and transport to fill the deficit need to be investigated. The boundaries, area allocated together with neighbouring applications already approved need to be taken into account, the cumulative effect needs to be considered thoroughly, please ExA will you feedback on these together.

Health and Wellbeing -The countryside and rural community will be transformed into an industrial landscape affecting our well-being. The loss of critical countryside eliminating areas of outstanding natural beauty and history will destroy my freedom to enjoy and keep fit outdoors in this wonderful county. I will be prevented from mixing with many others who also enjoy this. In addition the large scale batteries needed and the risk to human health from fire and pollution both now and in the future impacts everyone including the authorities to deal with such hazards.

Loss of biodiversity and hazards to wildlife increase significantly. I am very distressed by the lack of consideration to all in the community from the developers.

These solar farms are not viable due to the many negative impacts and risk to health and finances of large numbers of residents impacted by these solar farms. What compensation will they receive?

What are those who will be forced to live amongst the vast solar farms to do? Lives negatively changed, at risk and or destroyed. Trapped in a vast sea of solar farms with unlimited boundaries due to the current authorised solar farms and the ongoing applications from other developers.

Demographics - the local population many of whom are retired will not be wanting to fill the vacancies the developer states will aid local communities.

Efficiency of these panels on solar farms, the sun in this area is hidden on many days of the year.

The inability of the grid to take electric when it is generated by the sun requires huge great batteries for storage. The batteries have limited storage capacity 2 hours maybe. This is a multifaceted scheme with input from many whose interests are financial and will not be impacted other than to profit at the expense of life and land.

How can these figures add up and give more energy? Security of both food and energy will be reduced considerably due to this displaced scheme. ExA please review this thoroughly.

The longterm disruption over a large area whilst installing according to the developers needs.

Threat to local economy vastly changing the landscape and impact on tourism. Tenant farmers losing their livelihoods.

Solar on buildings and rooftops is much more viable. The energy created will not be lost compared to the solar farms as it is not needed to be stored and lost on route to the grid, but directed straight to the end user.

The production of the materials needed- where and by who? What is the carbon cost of this alone?

The open hearing 15/16Oct2024 was attended by many people very distressed who gave many valid points and arguments against this and previous solar farm applications.

Please use the other alternative measures available such as solar on rooftops and do not recommend yet another solar farm invasion to the area.