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Hello,

I know the deadline for comments and objections regarding the above has passed, however, following a meeting last week of the affected parties (the hall was packed), more issues have come to light of which I, along with many others, were not aware, so it is right that we should be able to express our views on these issues. I would ask that these and other contacts will be read, as we are all of the opinion that none of us are being listened to.

One of my main concerns is the effect on our house prices. The Government itself acknowledges that there will be falls in the values of our homes -

Just as a solar farm affects the present-day value of a house, so the farm's presence might affect the future sale value. Buyers in future may be more reluctant to buy a house near to a solar farm so that the future increases in value of such houses may be less than that of houses unaffected by the solar farm.

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See also -

However, they also cause habitat destruction, are unsightly, could decrease the value of your property, and may have severe health impacts for some people. 10 Dec 2021

[Living Next to a Solar Farm: Pros and Cons - Green Coast](#)

Many other references are available.

As for selling our homes - forget it. Nobody is going to want to buy a house surrounded by thousands of acres of black glass. We will therefore be trapped in this area should we want to move in the future. I would like to receive your comments on this, and to ask how you would feel under the same circumstances. Of course none of you live here so you don't care do you? Would you want to be surrounded by these things? And see your house prices plummet? Of course not, but you are happy to inflict them upon us. How does that make you feel? These developments will totally overpower our small villages and hamlets. No mention has been made of compensation - why not?

A lady at the meeting with an [REDACTED], sensitive to noise, was completely ignored in her request to have the boundary of the field in which these things are planned next to her house - currently just [REDACTED] - was completely ignored. Indeed any comments we have made to you regarding health and wellbeing have also been ignored.

We note that the open floor hearing on 16th October has been arranged for 10.30 am when most objectors will be at work. This of course is a deliberate ploy to keep us away. You will then be able to say that there wasn't much of a turn-out therefore we must all be okay with the project. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The compulsory purchase of land and farms is completely unacceptable. How dare you do this to people? Just so that the proposers can net a handsome sum from these panels, which have been proven to be inefficient, since their output will NOT be sufficient to power 300,000 homes! What happens in the winter when there's very little sun, or at night? The volume of energy quoted by developers will only be 11% of that figure. No account has been taken of the reduced power provided when the sun doesn't shine or in the winter. We cannot depend upon solar energy! Neither is it 'cheap' energy since the developers will be very well paid for 'off peak' production - we will of course be paying for that.

Germany has made, in one year, enough energy from solar panels *on rooftops* than these projects can expect to make in years! Why is nobody there proposing that new homes (and existing ones) are fitted with these? Too much work. Far easier to build on virgin countryside. It would be far, far quicker to get the energy we want from rooftop panels on homes and commercial buildings, rather than building very unpopular and unsightly panels over thousands of acres of our countryside and farmland. This will provide over 70% of our energy far more quickly.

The impact on wildlife too has been completely ignored.

Which brings me to another very important point, and this is food security. We are building thousands of homes (mainly 'executive' ones that we don't need) over our countryside. There is less and less room for crops. Our population is going through the roof. We are far too reliant on other countries to supply grain, meat etc...one day in the future we will be wondering why we built these inefficient panels over our farmland when we should have been growing crops. And why on earth do the proposers of these schemes get to decide which land is Category 3A or 3B? Surely the farmers should decide this?

The government is very crafty. It well knows that once these panels have completed their lifespan in forty to sixty years' time, the sites will never be rewilded or returned to farmland. The sites will then become 'brownfield', and therefore a prime target for more housing, and nobody will have the right to object.

For large-scale ground mounted solar, the benefits do not outweigh the harms, and the impacts cannot be mitigated. Ground mounted solar at such a large scale is unnecessary to deliver 70GW of solar capacity in the UK. Put solar on rooftops first - to deliver the limited benefits of solar in the UK with minimal impact. Then, plan what remaining land is needed and where to place any ground mounted solar that is needed. Where a ground-mounted solar development is considered at scale, it should be decided upon locally, not nationally.

Please read this and take it into account when you try to put your case on Wednesday, because as I stated before, we, the residents who will be affected, do not believe we are being heard. Money speaks louder.

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